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"Are you sure you can make my life all nice and pleasant?"
"Of course!"
"And you'll help me meet the man destined for me?"
"Of course!".
...
"Just leave your fate in my hands!"

When I was a kid, I felt that "playing alone - loneliness," so I remember trying my best(?) to avoid being alone. But I wonder why is it that after I became a manhwa artist, I like playing alone. Have I gotten used to it?

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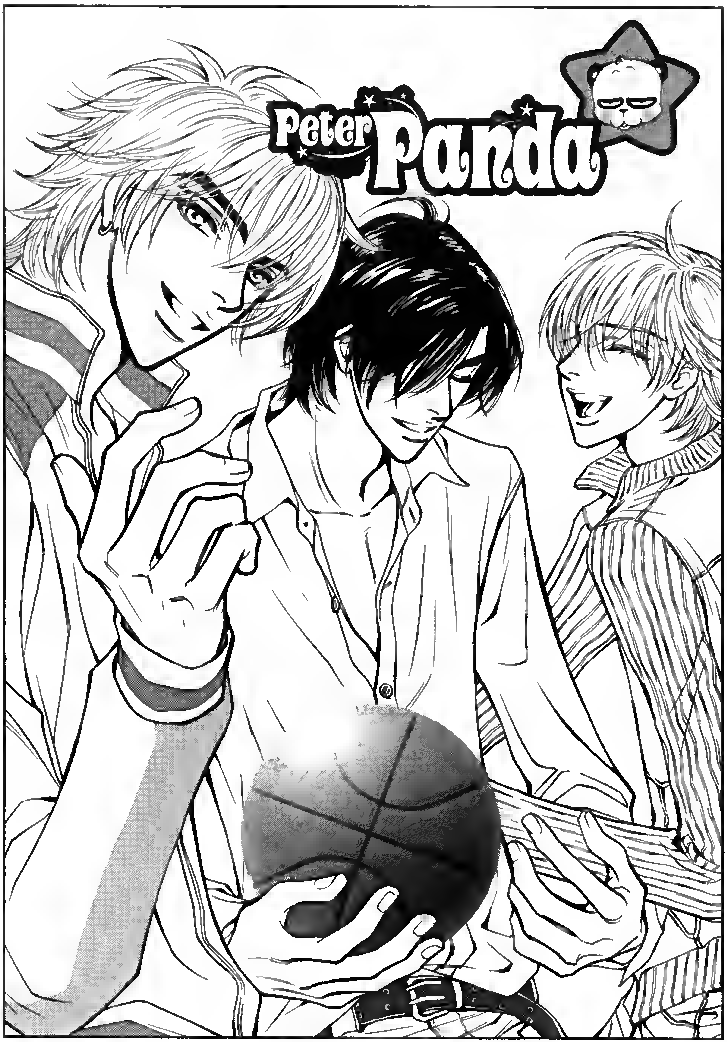
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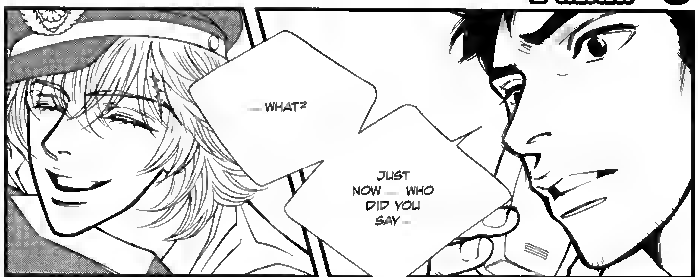
YOU SON OF A BITCH, HOW CAN YOU FORGET SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON THE REPORT?
IF YOU GET CAUGHT DOING SHIT LIKE THIS, ALL YOUR EFFORT FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS WILL BE LOST!
RRR
IF YOU EVER MAKE A MISTAKE LIKE THIS AGAIN, I'LL-
SENIOR, ANSWER THE CALL. I FORWARDED IT TO YOU.
SHIT, I'M SO PISSED OFF RIGHT NOW.
Hey, hey, this is our chance to get away from here.
AH, HELLO?
YES, I AM HYUNGWOOK JANG OF THE INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
WELL, YES, I DID STAY AT THE SOUTHERN BRANCH UNTIL I TRANSFERRED THREE YEARS AGO; BUT WHAT DO YOU-


— WHAT?
JUST NOW WHO DID YOU SAY —

<HAN SHIN>
한신
HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT TO WALK AROUND LIKE THAT?
WON'T THE DOCTOR SCOLD YOU AGAIN?
flush
stagger
stagger
HE SAID IT'S OK IF IT'S JUST GOING TO THE BATHROOM.

OY, THE YOUNG HEAL SO QUICKLY JUST IN A FEW DAYS
I THREW OUT MY BACK JUST ONCE, AND I'VE BEEN STUCK HERE FOR A MONTH 'TIL TODAY
YOU'RE BEING DISCHARGED TODAY? CONGRATS, OLD MAN
YES, MY SON'S FAMILY WILL BE HERE SOON
BUT, LITTLE MISS, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY VISITORS? WHAT ABOUT FAMILY OR FRIENDS?
YOU AREN'T HERE BECAUSE YOU LIKE THE GOOD HOSPITAL LIKE ME
YES, THAT'S RIGHT, BUT...

WHAT ABOUT THAT YOUNG MAN WHO WAS HERE FIRST? HE ISN'T YOUR GUARDIAN?
AH, NO, THAT'S NOT IT IT'S JUST...

After he left that day, Sangwoo never came back... Did I blabber on for too long?
Does he think I'm a weird kid because I talked about angels and stuff? His face looked stiff as he listened to that story.

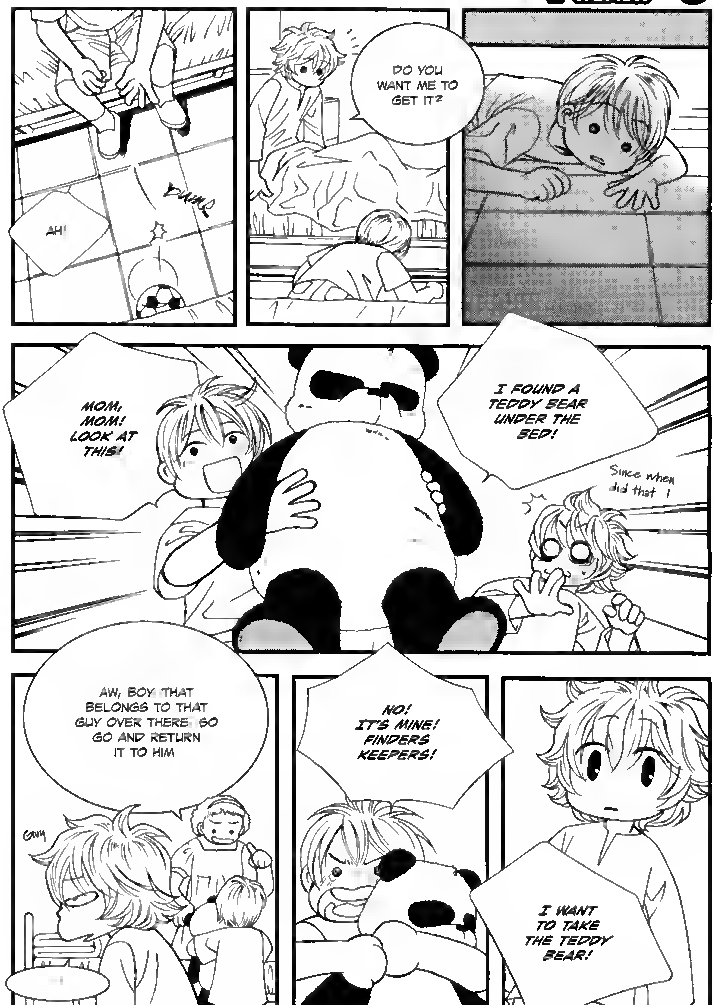
Ah... That's right.

He has no connection to me whatsoever now. So he has no reason to see me again.
ah ha ha
Yes, yes.
Stupid

...Still ..
...I want to see him. .
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO CALLED ME?
THANK YOU FOR GIVING UP YOUR TIME TO MEET WITH ME. IF IT S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE ELSE TO TALK

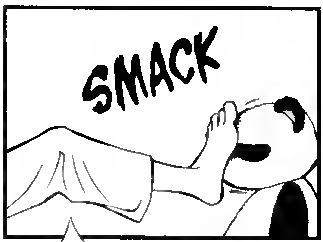
I UNDERSTAND MEETING WITH ME IS NOT THE MOST PLEASANT THING IN THE WORLD
NO, FORGET IT. I DON'T THINK THE LOCATION'S AN ISSUE IF YOU'RE JUST HERE TO STATE YOUR BUSINESS.
YEAH? YOU UNDERSTAND? CAUSE I CAN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL. YOU CAME KNOWING I HAVE NOTHING NICE TO SAY TO YOU
SO, TELL ME THEN; WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? AND WHAT WILL YOU DO ONCE YOU KNOW IT?
THERE'S DEFINITELY TOO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT HERE, SO LET'S GO ELSEWHERE!

YOU ... THAT SCAR ... DID YOU GET IT BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT?
WHAT? YES, BUT WHY...
YOU CAN GET THERAPY AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL, SO JUST GO WHEREVER IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DISCHARGE. PLEASE STAY HEALTHY.
HEALTHY, MY FOOT! IT'S ABOUT TIME I DIED OF OLD AGE. WELL, THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK DURING MY STAY!


AH!
DO YOU WANT ME TO GET IT?
MOM, MOM! LOOK AT THIS!
I FOUND A TEDDY BEAR UNDER THE BED!
Since when did that ?
AW, BOY. THAT BELONGS TO THAT GUY OVER THERE. GO GO AND RETURN IT TO HIM
NO! IT'S MINE! FINDERS KEEPERS!
I WANT TO TAKE THE TEDDY BEAR!

Should I have given it to the kid after all?
TELL ME DIDN'T YOU WANT TO FOLLOW THAT KID? YOU KEPT SAYING YOU LIKE BEING WITH BOYS BETTER.
WHY AREN'T YOU REPLYING? DID YOU DISAPPEAR ALREADY?
OR DID YOU ALREADY GO TO SOMETHING ELSE?

Poke
Poke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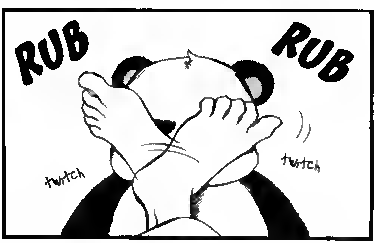
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RUB
twitch
twitch

ACK!
IT CHANGED!
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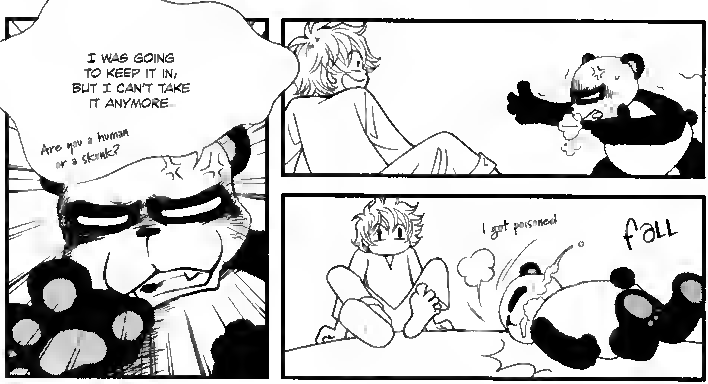

I WAS GOING TO KEEP IT IN, BUT I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
Are you a human or a skunk?
I got poisoned
fall

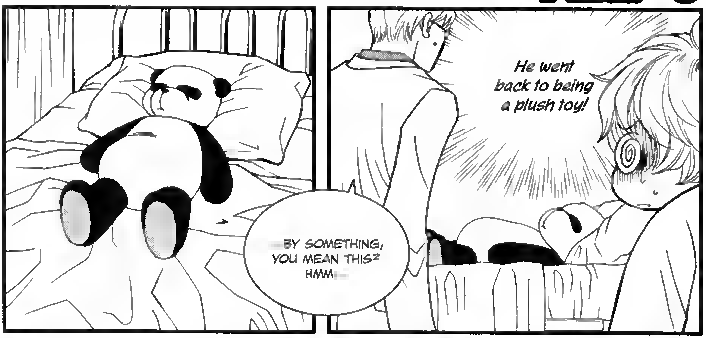
CRASS!
BEAST WITHOUT A SINGLE DROP OF DIGNITY!
SO LOUD.
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU MADE ME ROLL AROUND THIS COLD, HARD, DIRTY FLOOR.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE AT THE HOSPITAL. SANGWOO PROBABLY LEFT YOU THERE.
WHAT'S WITH THAT FASHION STATEMENT? AND THE SUNGLASSES.
HEE HEE. BUT YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YET.
WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE IT YET?
I CAN'T HELP IT. YOU HAVEN'T SAID THE MAGIC WORDS YET.

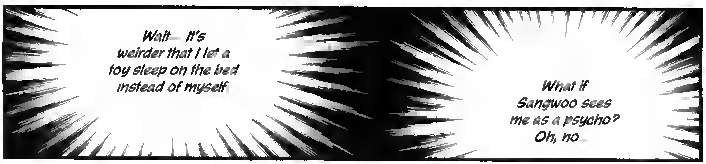
WHY AREN'T YOU LETTING ME GO? IF YOU SAY THE MAGIC WORDS THREE TIMES, WE WOULD'VE SAID GOODBYE FOREVER.
AH...
THAT IS... HMM...
IT'S FINE DON'T TRY TO MAKE UP AN EXCUSE
THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON FOR IT.
휘
휘
<Whip Pwip>
I AM WHAT YOUR DREAMS AND IDEALS DESIRE.
I AM YOUR PERFECT MAN; SO WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?
The fading popularity is something all peters must endure.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE EMBARRASSED BY THE FACT THAT YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH ME

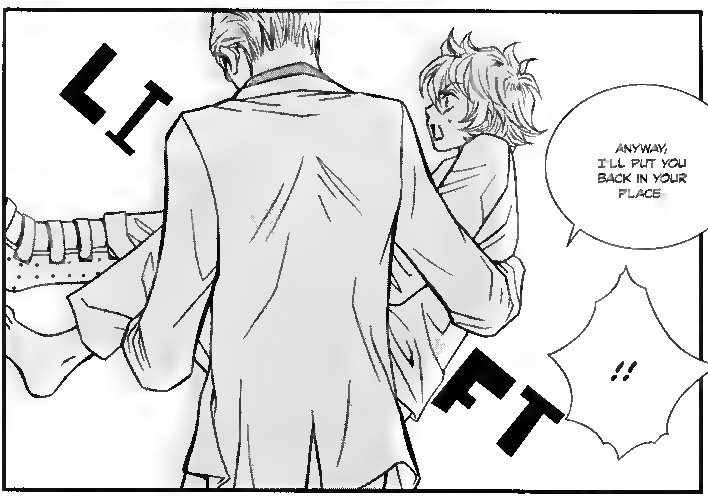
Damn
Where did she go?
GRRAN GRRAN
Hmm
mutter mutter
Had I not forgotten the magic words, I would've already—!
ANYWAY SINCE YOU'VE DECIDED TO STAY WITH ME, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.
AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, THERE DEFINITELY WILL BE LOTS OF INDESCRIBABLY FUN THINGS.
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE

What did he mean by "indescribably fun things?" If I think about it, I'm not coming up with very many fun things.
Z
Is this it?!
Is this what you meant by "indescribably fun things?!"
snore
snore
Zzz
Zzz
I slept on the hard floor for the last few days.
If you don't want to sleep together, get off the bed!
I'm sleeping on the bed no matter what!
I have a bad feeling about this. Won't this be an indescribably boring, absurd experience?
Make-shift bed for visitors.

OPEN
...Who?
STEP
MISTER SANGWOO!
RUI...
WHY ARE YOU USING THAT UNCOMFORTABLE MAKE-SHIFT BED INSTEAD OF THE HOSPITAL BED?
AH... THAT IS... SOMETHING CAME UP.


He went back to being a plush toy!
BY SOMETHING, YOU MEAN THIS? HMM...

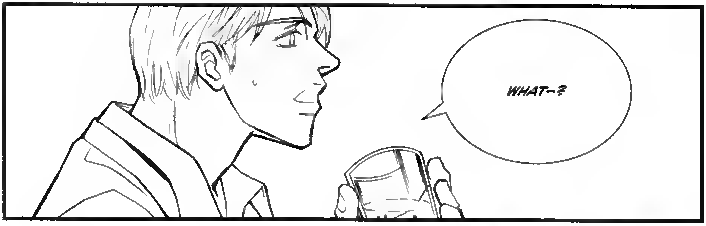

Wait... It's weirder that I let a toy sleep on the bed instead of myself.
What if Sangwoo sees me as a psycho? Oh, no...


LI
FT
ANYWAY, I'LL PUT YOU BACK IN YOUR PLACE...
!!

gently
RUI.
RUI.
AH! YES?
YOU KNOW. THAT DAY. WHAT YOU SAID. ABOUT...
...THE DAY WE MET TEN YEARS AGO.
THERE WAS A PARTY WITH SOME FRIENDS OF MINE. THAT'S WHY I WAS WEARING THE WEIRD COSTUME THAT YOU SAW.

I SLIGHTLY REMEMBER WALKING AROUND OUTSIDE BECAUSE I FELT A BIT TOO DRUNK
I WALKED AROUND A LOT AND THEN WENT BACK HOME TO SLEEP, BUT I GUESS I BLACKED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OR SOMETHING I CAN'T REMEMBER TOO WELL
SO I CAN'T REALLY REMEMBER MEETING YOU, AND I COULDN'T GO BACK TO YOU THAT DAY. EITHER I'M SORRY
AH...
SO IT *WAS* YOU THAT DAY.

WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY? YOU'RE DRINKING QUITE A LOT.
IF IT'S THE HAENG DANG DONG CASE, IT'LL WORK OUT WELL. SO DON'T WORRY, SENIOR JANG.
DO YOU KNOW WHO PAID ME A VISIT TODAY?
AH ... WHO?
WAS IT HIS DIVORCED WIFE AGAIN?
THE MAN WHO *KILLED* MY FRIEND *TEN YEARS AGO* CAME TO SEE ME!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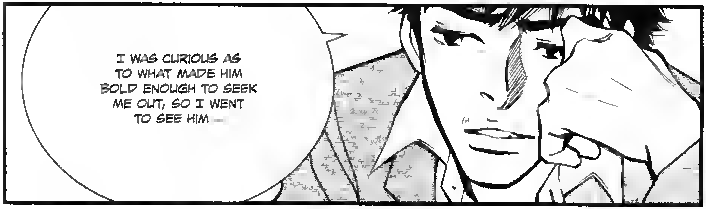
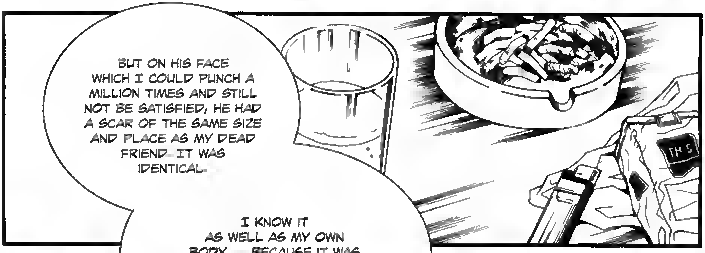

I WAS CURIOUS AS TO WHAT MADE HIM BOLD ENOUGH TO SEEK ME OUT, SO I WENT TO SEE HIM—


BUT ON HIS FACE WHICH I COULD PUNCH A MILLION TIMES AND STILL NOT BE SATISFIED, HE HAD A SCAR OF THE SAME SIZE AND PLACE AS MY DEAD FRIEND. IT WAS IDENTICAL.

I KNOW IT AS WELL AS MY OWN BODY... BECAUSE IT WAS MY FAULT MY FRIEND GOT IT WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER.
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE I THOUGHT I WAS SEEING THE GHOST OF MY FRIEND ON THAT BASTARD'S FACE. AND I COULDN'T HELP BUT ACCEPT THE RIDICULOUS FAVOR HE ASKED OF ME.

IT FELT AS IF MY FRIEND WAS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING THROUGH THAT GUY.
THAT FRIEND OF MINE, WHO LEFT THIS WORLD WHILE HE WAS COMING TO MEET ME THAT NIGHT...

WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I'LL TELL HYAEWANG AND YOUR PARENTS LATER, BUT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO TELL YOU FIRST.
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'VE DECIDED TO QUIT AND LEAVE YOU GUYS.

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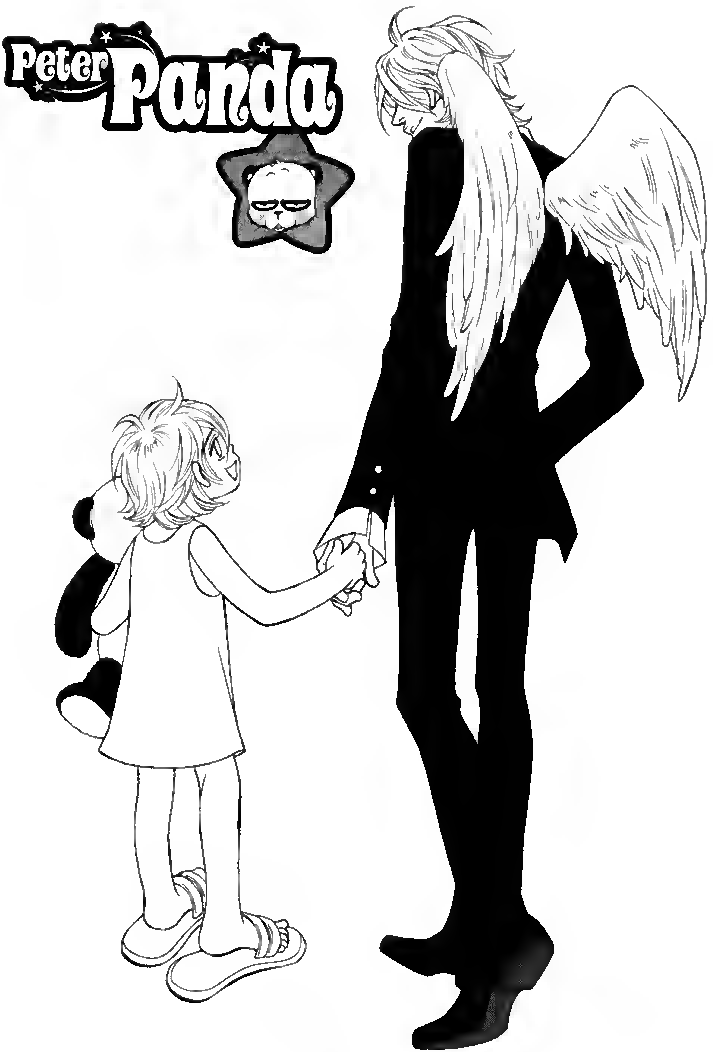
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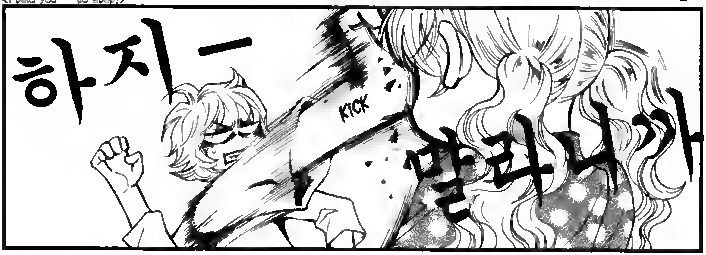
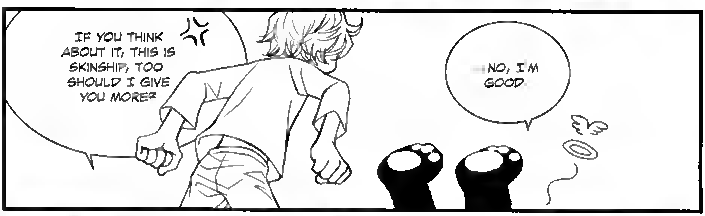
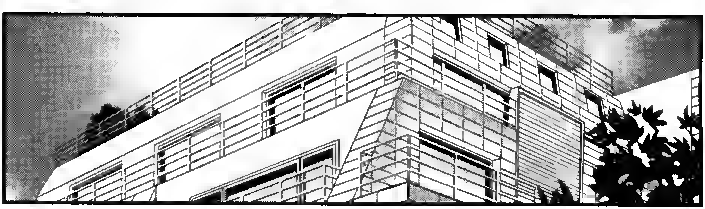
"Sorry. You were waiting for a long time, huh?"
It's OK.
Because you didn't forget,
I can now hold your hand like this.

He held out his hand to me with a warm smile...
Warm and...
...covered with lots of soft fur...
.. Lots of soft fur?!
BACK OFF
AH!
Tsk tsk

YOU KNOW, WE'RE GONNA BE LIVING TOGETHER FOR QUITE A WHILE.
SO HOW ABOUT YOU GET USED TO OUR SKINSHIP ALREADY?
SHUTTERED
WHAT FOR?!
What's up with those pigtails?
It's today's concept
I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE TOUCH MY BODY.
HEH, BUT YOU WERE SO CALM WHEN MISTER GLASSES HELD YOU TIGHTLY
W-W-WHAT?!
H-H-HE WAS JUST HELPING ME MOVE BACK TO MY SPOT!
THAT WAS ALL YOUR FAULT, TOO!
YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU PANIC AND STAMMER LIKE THAT.
hee hee
ACK!


I told you to stop!
하지ㅡ
KICK
말라니까!


IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS SKINSHIP, TOO SHOULD I GIVE YOU MORE?
NO, I'M GOOD

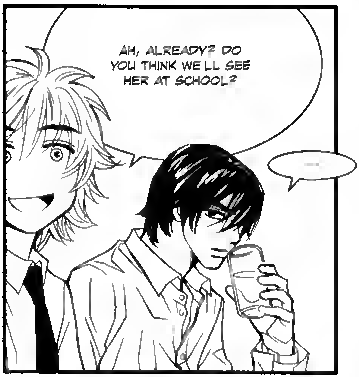


SANGWOO, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE HOSPITAL LATELY. OR HAVE YOU BEEN GOING WHILE WE'RE AT SCHOOL?

HUH? I STOPPED BY YESTERDAY.
HYAEWANG, YOU WANT TO VISIT THE LADY AT THE HOSPITAL, TOO?
AH? NO SHE'S NOT CALLED A LADY
SHE SAID SHE WAS RUI. RUI OH.
RIGHT, SANGWOO?
?
shuffle

EH? EH?
WHAT IS THIS? STOP!
YOU MEMORIZED HER NAME RIGHT AWAY
clap
clap
clap

SHE'S GETTING DISCHARGED SOON, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY


AH, ALREADY? DO YOU THINK WE'LL SEE HER AT SCHOOL?
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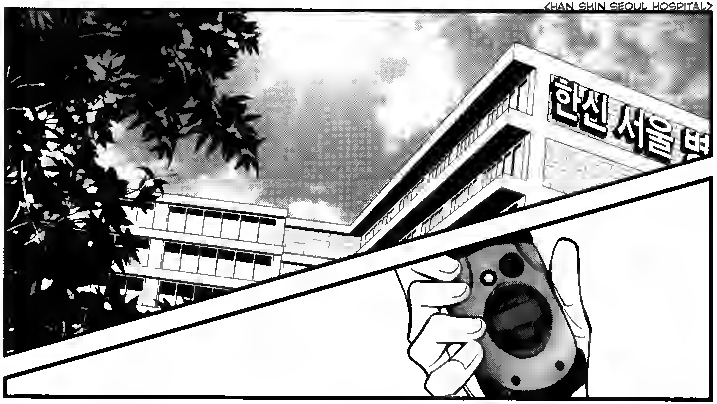
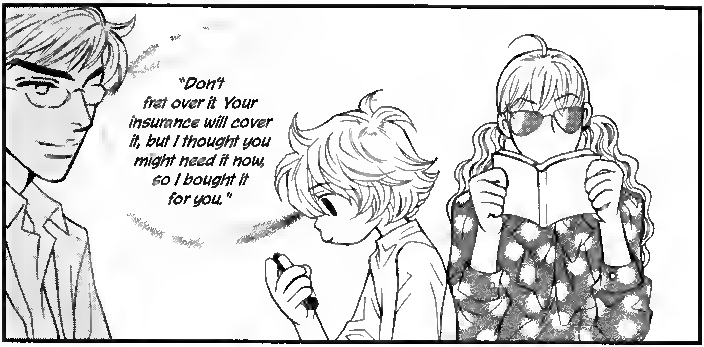
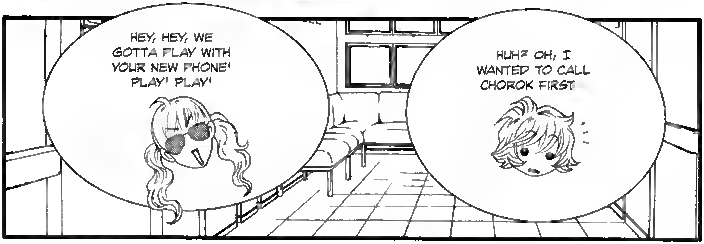
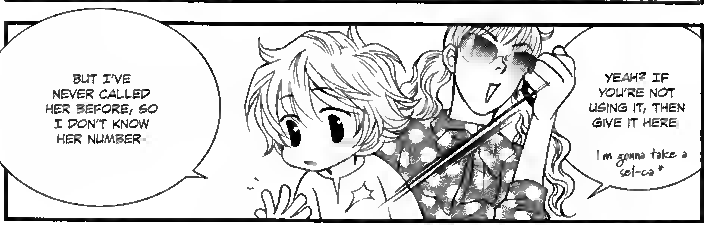

HAN SHIN SEOUL HOSPITAL
한신 서울 병







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I WONDER WHAT THE KIDS AT SCHOOL ARE DOING NOW...
THEY PROBABLY JUST FINISHED LUNCH AND ARE HANGING OUT.
RUI!
EH?!
CHOROK! PROFESSOR!
Why that little I'm here, too!

HOW DID YOU KNOW?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? I WAS AWAY FOR STAFF TRAINING 'TIL TODAY, SO I ONLY JUST HEARD THIS MORNING.
ANYWAY, I WAS GOING TO VISIT AFTER SCHOOL, BUT THESE KIDS KEPT BOTHERING ME TO COME NOW.
SO WHERE ARE YOU HURT? HOW ARE YOU DOING?
YEAH, IT'S JUST A SMALL FRACTURE AND WHIP LASH, SO I CAN GET OUT SOON AND JUST GET SOME REHAB THERAPY
WHAT? SO YOU'RE ALL RIGHT
HOW CAN YOU BE THIS UNINJURED AFTER GETTING HIT BY A TRUCK?
HERE. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE TIRED OF HOSPITAL FOOD, SO I BROUGHT YOUR FAVORITE EGG SANDWICH.
Ah, thanks
CHOROK

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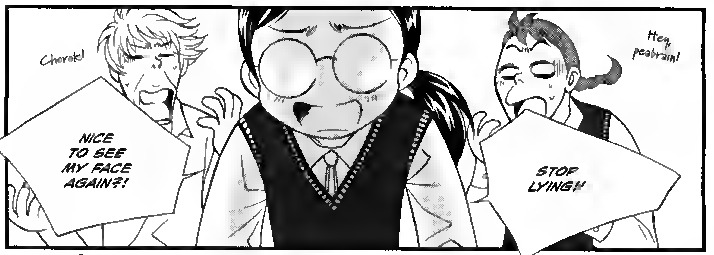
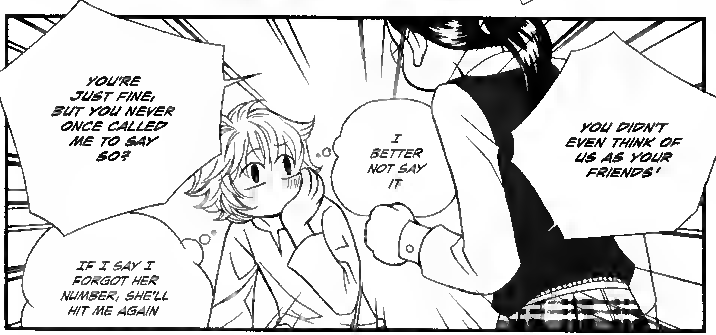
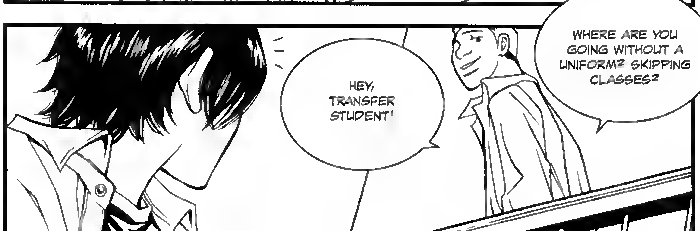
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOUR FACE AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME THANKS FOR COMI-
hee hee hee

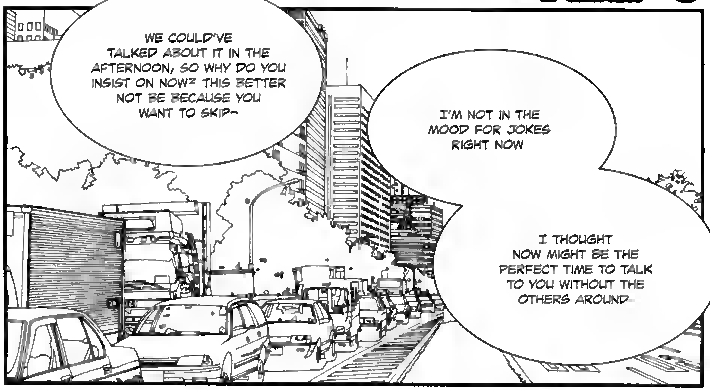

Cherak!
NICE TO SEE MY FACE AGAIN?!
Hey, peabrain!
STOP LYING!!


YOU'RE JUST FINE, BUT YOU NEVER ONCE CALLED ME TO SAY SO?
IF I SAY I FORGOT HER NUMBER, SHE'LL HIT ME AGAIN
I BETTER NOT SAY IT
YOU DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF US AS YOUR FRIENDS!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY SCARY, HORRIBLE THOUGHTS I HAD?
sob
sob
WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF YOU HAD DIED ALONE IN SOME UNKNOWN PLACE?!
I DIDN'T!
I'M SORRY, CHOROK! I'M REALLY SORRY!
sob
sob
What the F-kuk?
PEABRAIN, YOU PROMISED NOT TO CRY! I HATE YOU!


HEY, TRANSFER STUDENT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITHOUT A UNIFORM? SKIPPING CLASSES?

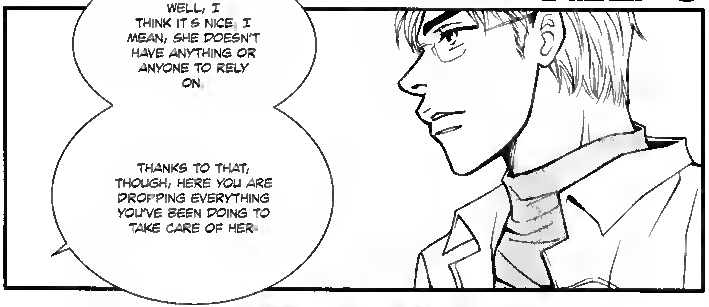
I JUST HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF
YEAH? ANYWAY, TRANSFER—
THANKS, MAN. YOUR WALLET HAS BEEN VERY NICE TO ME
IF YOU FIND YOURSELF UNCOMFORTABLE WITH ANYTHING, JUST LET ME KNOW

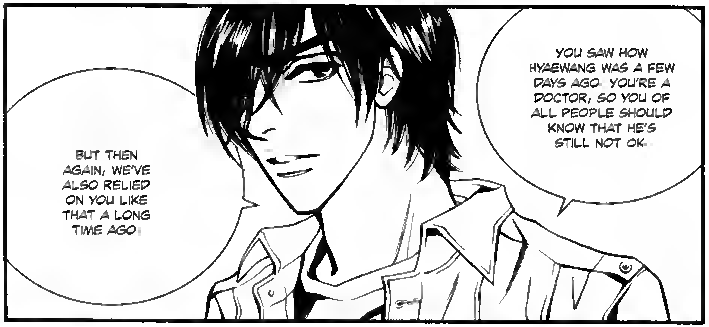

WE COULD'VE TALKED ABOUT IT IN THE AFTERNOON, SO WHY DO YOU INSIST ON NOW? THIS BETTER NOT BE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SKIP—
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR JOKES RIGHT NOW
I THOUGHT NOW MIGHT BE THE PERFECT TIME TO TALK TO YOU WITHOUT THE OTHERS AROUND

YES, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WE BARELY HAVE ANY TIME TO TALK ALONE SINCE YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS WITH EACH OTHER

It was always like this, but since Heesoo came, it got worse. This extreme bond has been on my mind for a while...
ANYWAY, I'VE GOT SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF, SO LET'S WALK AND TALK

AH! SO THAT'S WHY SHE HASN'T BEEN ANSWERING MY CALLS. I KNEW SHE DIDN'T MEAN TO BE LIKE THAT.
SO, RUI IS ALL RIGHT THEN?
YES. IT WASN'T A BAD INJURY, SO SHE'LL BE DISCHARGED PRETTY SOON
PLEASE TELL HER TO REST UP AND TO COME BY WHENEVER SHE NEEDS TO. I'LL MAKE SPACE FOR HER IF THERE AREN'T ANY AVAILABLE
I'LL TELL HER
FINALLY FINISHED. HOW MANY PART-TIME JOBS DOES THAT LITTLE GIRL HAVE, ANYWAY...?
HEY, JABEE. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A PART-TIME JOB?
HM... HM...
NEVER MIND, I WAS JUST ASKING.


WELL, I THINK IT'S NICE. I MEAN, SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING OR ANYONE TO RELY ON.
THANKS TO THAT, THOUGH, HERE YOU ARE DROPPING EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO TAKE CARE OF HER.


YOU SAW HOW HYAEWANG WAS A FEW DAYS AGO. YOU'RE A DOCTOR, SO YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT HE'S STILL NOT OK.
BUT THEN AGAIN, WE'VE ALSO RELIED ON YOU LIKE THAT A LONG TIME AGO.

JAE...
IF YOU QUIT BEING OUR GUARDIAN, THEY'LL JUST SEND A NEW ONE.
BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THE NEW PERSON WILL TAKE CARE OF US AS WELL AS YOU HAVE, SANG-WOO. NOR CAN WE OPEN UP TO THEM LIKE WE HAVE TO YOU.

SO I'M BEGGING YOU.
YOU TOLD ME BEFORE, ASKING FOR A FAVOR WITH ALL MY HEART IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.
I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE STAY BY OUR SIDE
IF WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT RUI KID, TOO, I'LL HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN

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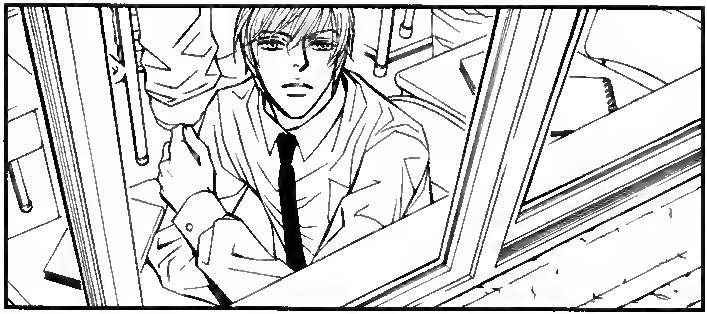
HEY, I'LL PUT SOME ICE ON YOUR EYES, SO COME AND LIE DOWN
IT'S ALL RIGHT IT'LL GO DOWN IN A LITTLE BIT
swol len
IT'S BECAUSE I'M TOO SCARED TO LOOK AT IT!
DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD FOR ONCE, GIRL!
Y-yeah?
ICE
AH! IT'S COLD
STOP WHINING WHO TOLD YOU TO SOB SO UNSIGHTLY LIKE THAT?

HEY — THE THING ABOUT HOW YOUR PREVIOUS MASTERS' MEMORIES OF YOU DISAPPEAR AFTER YOU PART FROM THEM —
DON'T YOU FEEL LONELY OR SAD?
IT'S OK.
I LOSE ALL MY MEMORIES OF THEM, TOO, SO I'D SAY IT'S FAIR.
YEAH — YOU SAID YOU FORGET, TOO.
EARLIER, I SUDDENLY THOUGHT OF HOW I COULD DIE ALONE WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING, AND I FELT SO SAD AND SCARED.
IT FELT AS IF I NEVER EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THAT NO ONE WILL KNOW ME — NOR REMEMBER ME IN ANY WAY.

IT FELT LIKE I WAS LYING ALONE IN NOTHING BUT DARKNESS.
ISN'T IT STRANGE HOW SCARY IT IS TO JUST BE FORGOTTEN?
...
MEMORIES *THEMSELVES* ARE A SCARY THOUGHT.
OF COURSE, IT'S VERY *PAINFUL* TO BE *FORGOTTEN*.
BUT IT'S ALSO *EXTREMELY* PAINFUL WHEN YOU *CAN'T FORGET* SOMETHING THAT YOU *HAVE TO FORGET*.



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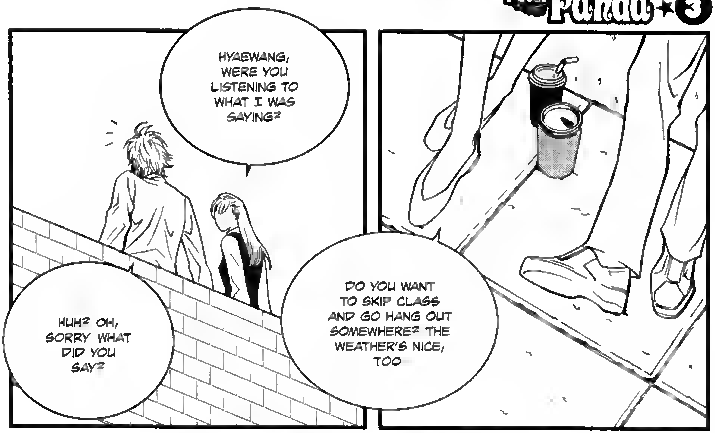
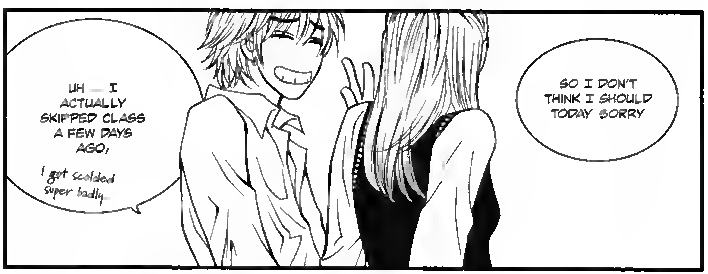
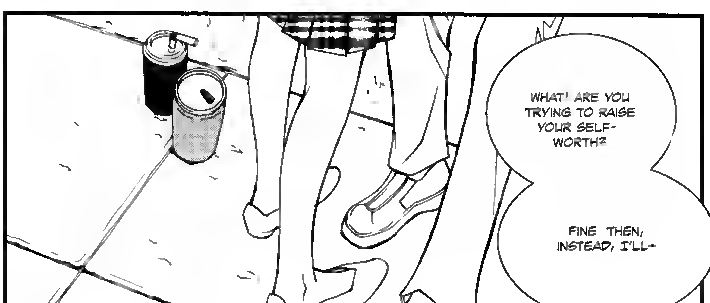
SHOULD I TRY VISITING THE HOSPITAL BY MYSELF TODAY?


HYABWANG, WERE YOU LISTENING TO WHAT I WAS SAYING?
HUH? OH, SORRY WHAT DID YOU SAY?
DO YOU WANT TO SKIP CLASS AND GO HANG OUT SOMEWHERE? THE WEATHER'S NICE, TOO


UH — I ACTUALLY SKIPPED CLASS A FEW DAYS AGO,
I got scolded super badly.
SO I DON'T THINK I SHOULD TODAY SORRY


WHAT! ARE YOU TRYING TO RAISE YOUR SELF-WORTH?
FINE THEN, INSTEAD, I'LL-

CLAMP
!!
WHAT IS THIS? CHO SUN, YOU ... AGAIN
YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME YOU LOOKED AT SOME GUY OTHER THAN HANCHUL? HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON?
DO YOU WANT TO DIE? WHO IS IT THIS TIME?
SENIOR ... YOU'RE MISTAKEN. IT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...

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WHO'S THIS BASTARD AS BOLD AS BRASS?
AH, SENIOR I'M TELLING YOU, THIS IS A MISUNDERSTANDING PLEASE STOP!
CHO SUN, YOU BITCH. JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND STAY PUT.
HEH... SO HER NAME IS CHO SUN, I FINALLY FOUND OUT
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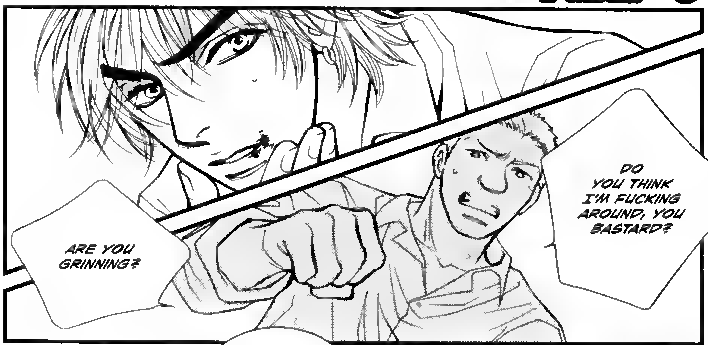
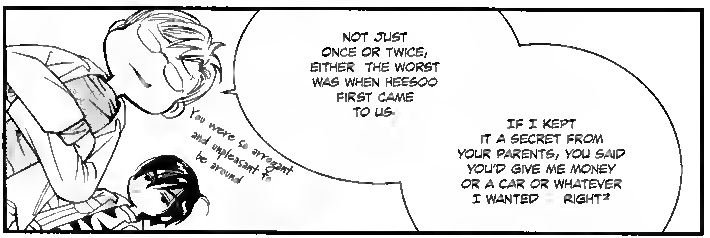
POW

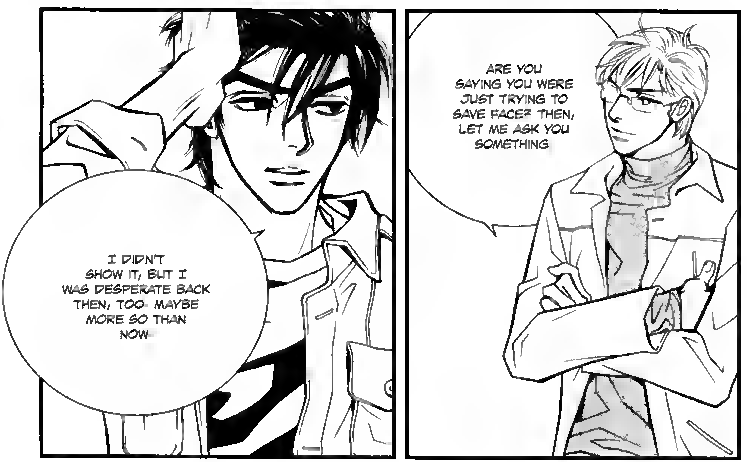

ARE YOU GRINNING?
DO YOU THINK I'M FUCKING AROUND, YOU BASTARD?

SANGWOO.
PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU

WHY?

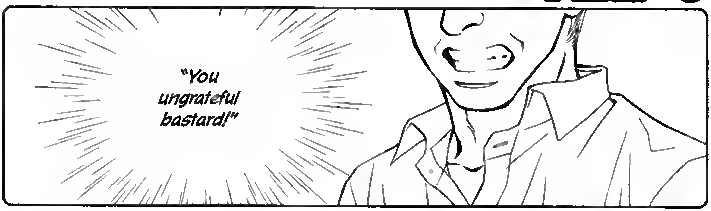
...I'M JUST TAKEN ABACK THAT YOU'RE SO DESPERATE
USUALLY WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG OR HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK, YOU BECOME MORE AND MORE ARROGANT.
WHAT? I DID THAT?


You were so arrogant and unpleasant to be around
NOT JUST ONCE OR TWICE, EITHER. THE WORST WAS WHEN HEESOO FIRST CAME TO US.
IF I KEPT IT A SECRET FROM YOUR PARENTS, YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE ME MONEY OR A CAR OR WHATEVER I WANTED... RIGHT?

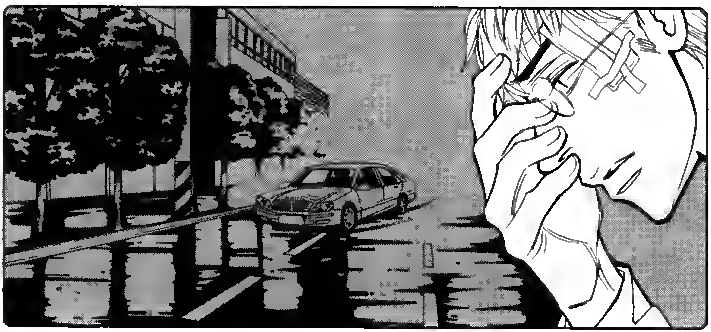

I DIDN'T SHOW IT, BUT I WAS DESPERATE BACK THEN, TOO. MAYBE MORE SO THAN NOW.
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO SAVE FACE? THEN, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.

YOU GUYS ARE SO DESPERATE TO BE WITH EACH OTHER, SO WHAT'S THE REAL REASON YOUR PARENTS OBJECT TO HEESOO?
THE WAY I SEE IT, IT'S A MUCH HIGHER LIKELIHOOD THAT YOU GUYS WILL MESS UP HEESOO, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND
You're just saying that to make me feel bad, aren't you?
Maybe
WHAT PARENTS ASK OF THEIR CHILDREN ARE NOT ALWAYS JUSTIFIED
THEY PUSH THEIR ONE REASON ONTO ME WITH NO REGARDS TO WHAT I WANT

DON'T YOU THINK SO?
"What? You want to give up on the medical licensing exam? Are you out of your mind?"
"It's like you've already passed it, so why stop now?"
"Let go of that incident already."
"It was just an accident; you were unlucky."
"Still, I don't think I can do it."


"You ungrateful bastard!"

"The chance to save many different lives is at your fingertips,"
"but you're giving up now just because you witnessed one death with your own eyes?"



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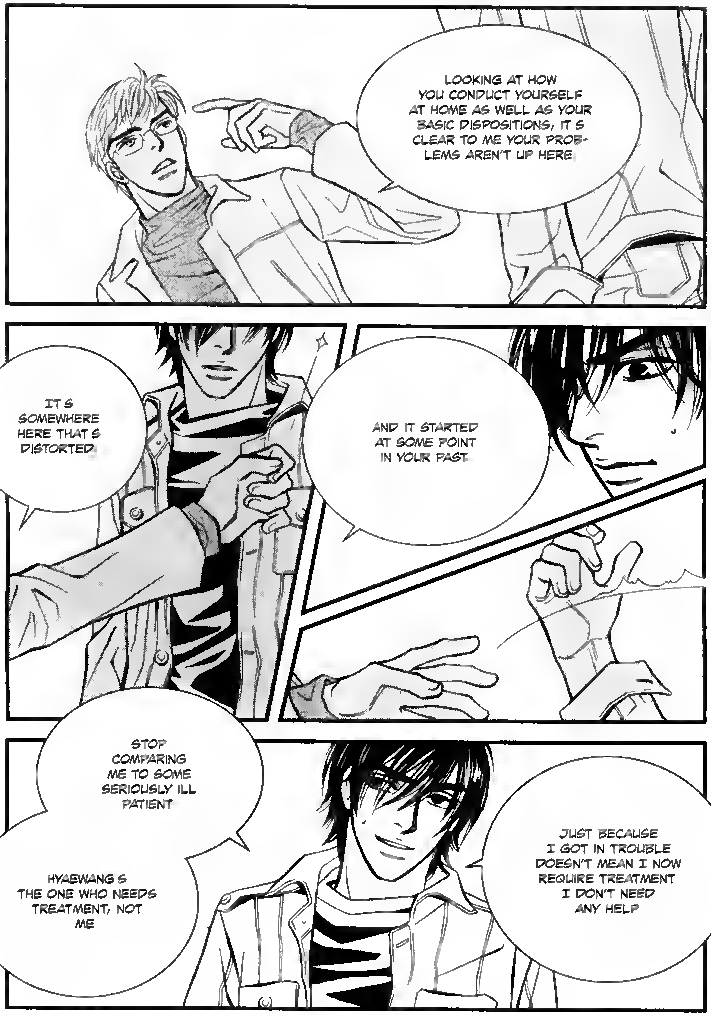
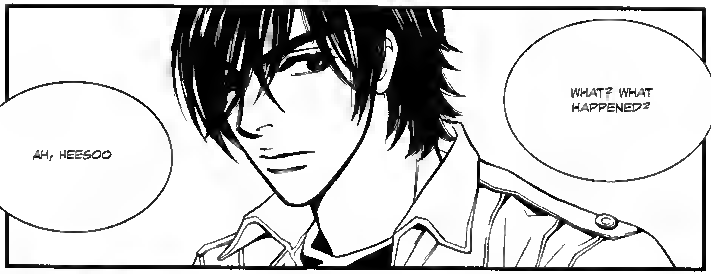
That wasn't just any accidental death...
I killed him.

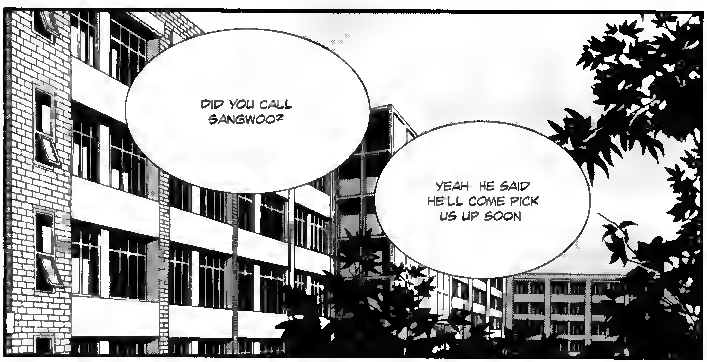
SANGWOO?
AH, SORRY.
YOU SAID YOU LOOKED INTO MY BACKGROUND, SO YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I RECEIVED A FEW YEARS OF PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT AFTER THE ACCIDENT.
AS I RECEIVED TREATMENT, I BEGAN TO BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN STUDYING THIS AREA.
SO IN THE END, I CHANGED MY MAJOR FROM SURGERY TO PSYCHIATRY AND BARELY PASSED THE MEDICAL LICENSING EXAM
THAT'S WHEN I GOT INTRODUCED BY A PREVIOUS PROFESSOR OF MINE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND HYAEWANG.
THE PAY WAS *HIGH*, ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE *LIKE ME* WHO DIDN'T HAVE *ANY PROPER EXPERIENCE* IN THE FIELD, AND I *IMMEDIATELY* SAW *WHY*
WHEN I FIRST MET YOUR PARENTS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEIR VERY FIRST CONDITION WAS?

IT WAS THAT I WOULD NEVER ASK ABOUT YOUR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES.
IN PSYCHIATRY, TELLING SOMEONE TO NOT ASK ABOUT THE PAST MEANS THE SAME AS TELLING HIM TO NOT EVEN START TREATMENT.
IN THE END, THEY ONLY NEEDED A PRIVATE SECRETARY WHO COULD BABYSIT YOU GUYS TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, NOT A DOCTOR
THE PAY WAS GOOD. I JUST NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND ANY ACCIDENTS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN; SO FRANKLY, IT WAS A GREAT JOB FOR ME
BUT NOW, I DON'T LIKE IT ANYMORE! THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THIS TIME TOGETHER DOESN'T HELP EITHER YOU OR ME.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO QUIT IF IT'S JUST FOR GUARDIANSHIP, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ME
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU GUYS, BUT COVERING IT UP LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE


LOOKING AT HOW YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF AT HOME AS WELL AS YOUR BASIC DISPOSITIONS, IT'S CLEAR TO ME YOUR PROBLEMS AREN'T UP HERE.
IT'S SOMEWHERE HERE THAT'S DISTORTED.
AND IT STARTED AT SOME POINT IN YOUR PAST.
STOP COMPARING ME TO SOME SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENT.
HYAEWANG'S THE ONE WHO NEEDS TREATMENT, NOT ME.
JUST BECAUSE I GOT IN TROUBLE DOESN'T MEAN I NOW REQUIRE TREATMENT. I DON'T NEED ANY HELP.

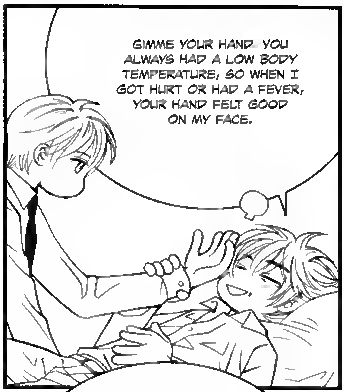
YOU DO NEED IT.
NOT JUST YOU. EVERYONE NEEDS SOMEONE ELSE'S HELP, NO MATTER WHAT FORM IT IS
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT RUI KID?
BUT THAT'S JUST YOUR UNCONSCIOUS GUILT ABOUT THE ACCIDENT
JABEE, YOU-
HELLO?


AH, HEESOO
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?


DID YOU CALL SANGWOO?
YEAH. HE SAID HE'LL COME PICK US UP SOON

HOW ARE YOU DOING?
THE PAIN'S ALL RIGHT.

BUT THAT BASTARD HIT ME ON THE FACE, SO IT SHOWS.
DON'T TELL JABEE ABOUT THIS. JUST TELL HIM THAT I WENT HOME EARLY BECAUSE I WASN'T FEELING WELL


GIMME YOUR HAND. YOU ALWAYS HAD A LOW BODY TEMPERATURE, SO WHEN I GOT HURT OR HAD A FEVER, YOUR HAND FELT GOOD ON MY FACE.

SOMETIMES WHEN I GET HURT OR FALL ILL, I SOMEHOW FEEL COMFORTABLE

IT FEELS LIKE I'M BEING FORGIVEN FOR MY SINS.
THAT TIME — WHEN YOU GOT HURT LIKE THIS, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
HYAEWANG, ALL THIS TIME, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT INCIDENT—
CLICK
SANGWOO IS HERE!
HEESOO! HYAEWANG!

ACK! JABEE, HOW DID YOU-
WERE YOU WITH SANGWOO?
THAT HURTS!
YOU RETARDED DUMBASS
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO AROUND AND GET BEATEN UP LIKE THIS.

...SO I BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF HIM.
LOOKING FANCY AND ALL GOODY-TWO-SHOES JUST GOT ON MY NERVES.
SLAM
HEY, TRANSFER! YOU CAME TO SEE ME FIRST THIS TIME
STEP
STEP

PUNCH

WHAT IS THIS OUT OF NOWHERE?!
WHO IS THIS BASTARD?
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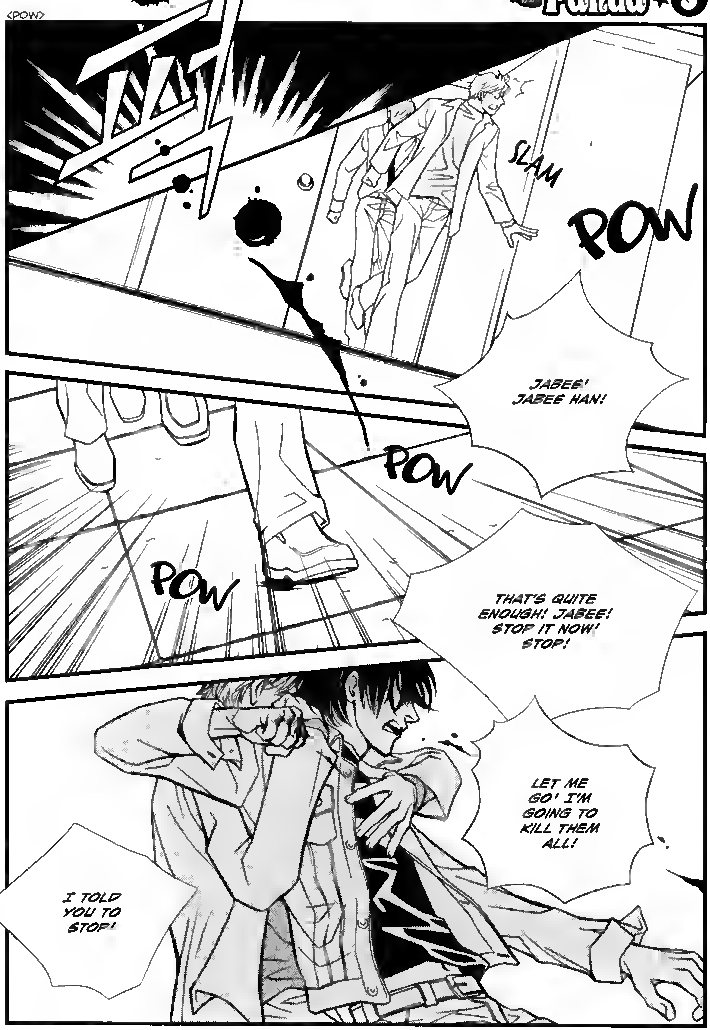
ZOOM
AH!
KICK
HEY, HEY, TRANSFER! WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT DID I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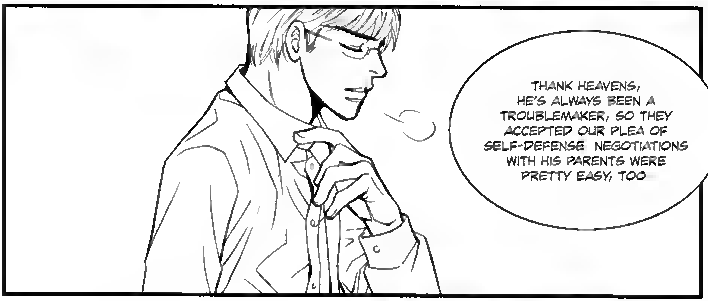
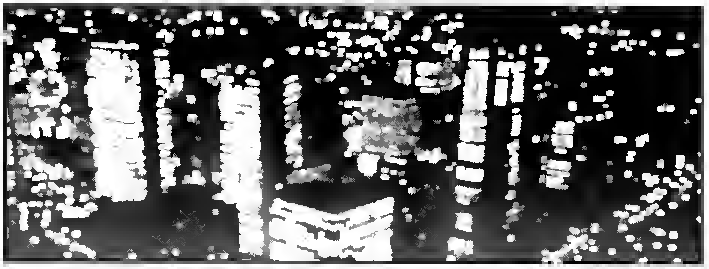
JABEE! JABEE HAN!
POW
POW
THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH! JABEE! STOP IT NOW! STOP!
LET ME GO! I'M GOING TO KILL THEM ALL!
I TOLD YOU TO STOP!


THANK HEAVENS, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A TROUBLEMAKER, SO THEY ACCEPTED OUR PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE. NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIS PARENTS WERE PRETTY EASY, TOO.

BUT YOU'LL BE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL FOR A WEEK, AND AFTER YOU RETURN, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A WHILE

WHEW... IT'S EXHAUSTING TO TAKE CARE OF SOME TROUBLE AFTER A QUIET BREAK.
YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST AS WELL.
PLEASE *HELP ME.*
I'LL *ADMIT* I'M *NOT RIGHT* IN THE HEAD, SO PLEASE *HELP.*



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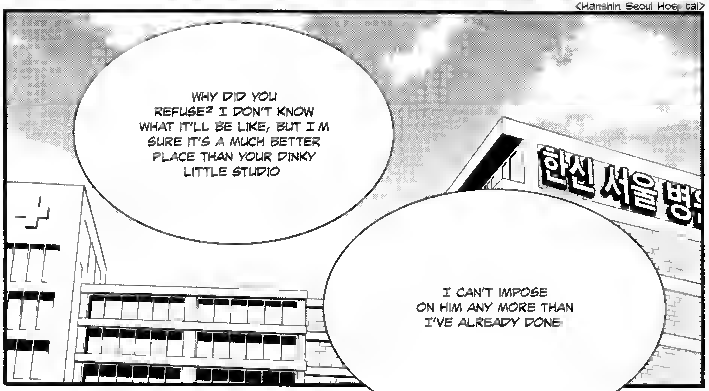
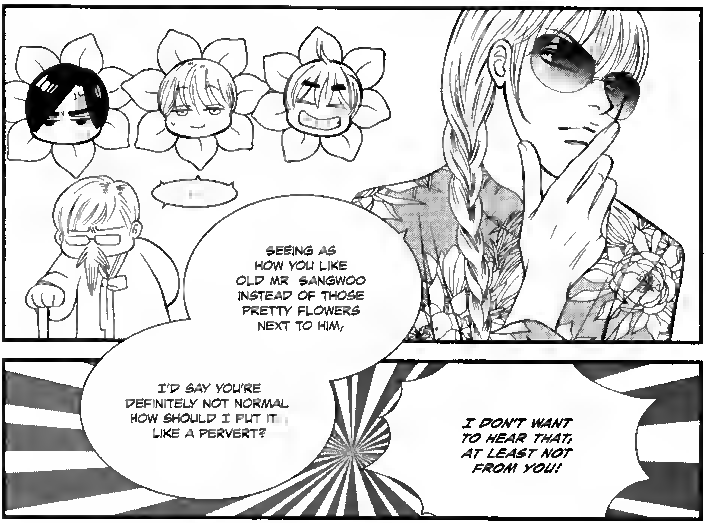

WHY DID YOU REFUSE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'LL BE LIKE, BUT I'M SURE IT'S A MUCH BETTER PLACE THAN YOUR DINKY LITTLE STUDIO
I CAN'T IMPOSE ON HIM ANY MORE THAN I'VE ALREADY DONE

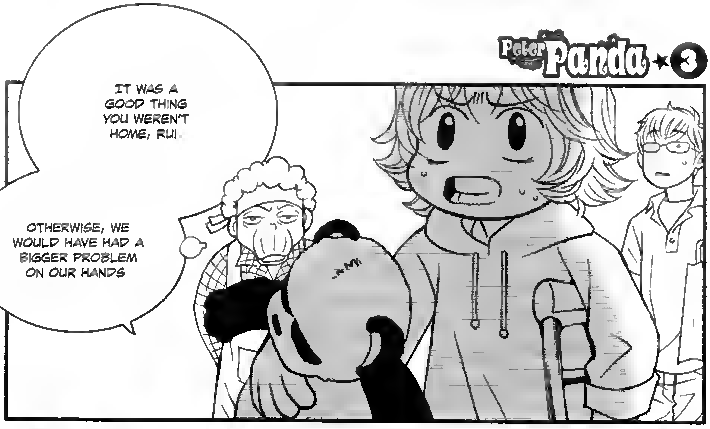
BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO BE WITH SANGWOO EVERY SINGLE DAY?
I STILL DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF LIVING WITH STRANGERS
I've gotten used to him dressing up like that,
but that fact alone pisses me off
AND HERE I WAS, GETTING ALL EXCITED CAUSE I THOUGHT WE'D BE LIVING WITH THOSE CUTE BOYS
TSK
Image inside Rui's head
CUTE?
WHO?
SANGWOO?
Let's get your eyes checked

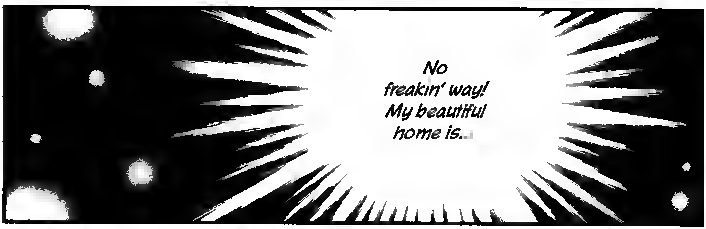

SEEING AS HOW YOU LIKE OLD MR. SANGWOO INSTEAD OF THOSE PRETTY FLOWERS NEXT TO HIM,
I'D SAY YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT NORMAL. HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... LIKE A PERVERT?
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT, AT LEAST NOT FROM YOU!

RUI!
ARE YOU READY TO HEAD OUT? DID YOU PACK EVERYTHING?
SHE'S TALKING TO HER STUFFED ANIMAL AGAIN...

AH, SANGWOO!

ANYWAY, WILL YOU REALLY BE OK BY YOURSELF? IT'LL BE UNCOMFORTABLE IN MANY WAYS
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT I LIMP A LITTLE, BUT I CAN WALK AROUND JUST FINE
YOU'RE RETURNING HOME AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME
YEAH I'M REALLY HAPPY
WELL, THE ROOF CAVED IN DUE TO THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR WE HAD A WHILE BACK
THAT BASTARD MR. KIM MUST'VE BROKEN THE SUPPORT BEAM WHILE HE WAS UP THERE TRYING TO FIX THE LEAK IN THE ROOF.
AND THEN, HE SAYS HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME NOW, SO HE'LL FIX IT NEXT MONTH WHY I NEVER---


IT WAS A GOOD THING YOU WEREN'T HOME, RUI.
OTHERWISE, WE WOULD HAVE HAD A BIGGER PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS

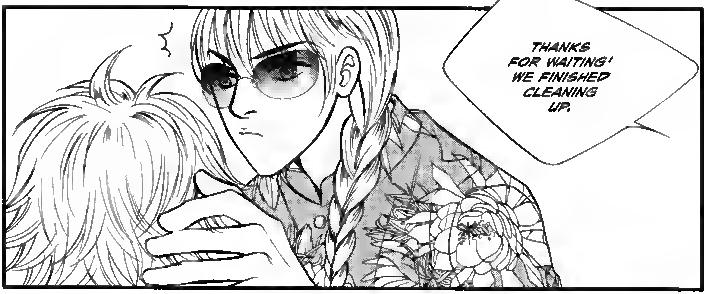

No freakin' way! My beautiful home is...

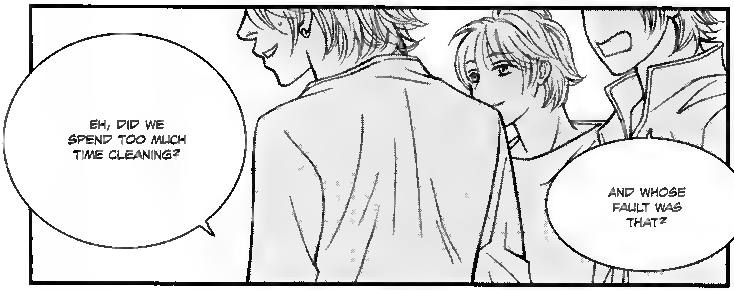
RUI, YOU SIT TIGHT HERE WHILE I CLEAN AND SET UP THE ROOM FOR YOU WITH THE BOYS, ALL RIGHT?
OK.

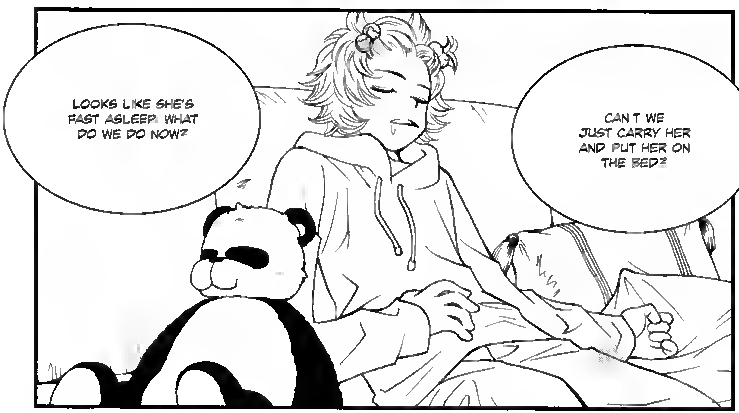
YES, IT'S SANGWOO. DID YOU CALL ME?
...WHAT? FATHER IS...?
GUYS, I HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A BIT, SO FINISH UP BY YOURSELVES
OK, HAVE A NICE TRIP

HEY, HYAEWANG GO AND GET A NEW BED SHEET
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M MOVING STUFF RIGHT NOW?
THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU TO GET IT.
ARE YOUR HANDS AND FEET ALL BROKEN? WHY DO YOU KEEP TELLING ME TO DO IT?!
THERE THEY GO AGAIN...
argue argue
AM I TELLING YOU TO DO IT WHILE I LAZE AROUND? BESIDES, WHOSE MESSY ROOM DO YOU THINK THIS IS?!
YOU @#$%^&* BASTARDS!
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL %&*@€ AND €*%&^*@ YOU GUYS!
Heesoo gets violent when he's tired from physical labor
LET'S JUST FINISH UP ALREADY! I'M ABOUT TO DIE FROM EXHAUSTION.

WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF BESIDES CLEANING NOW,
SEEING AS HOW WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES LIVING IN THIS HOUSE ANYMORE, ALL RIGHT?
CAN'T LIVE WITH STRANGERS, MY ASS
SHE CAN FALL ASLEEP WITH HER GUARD DOWN ANYWHERE SO EASILY


THANKS FOR WAITING! WE FINISHED CLEANING UP.


EH, DID WE SPEND TOO MUCH TIME CLEANING?
AND WHOSE FAULT WAS THAT?


LOOKS LIKE SHE'S FAST ASLEEP. WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
CAN'T WE JUST CARRY HER AND PUT HER ON THE BED?

GOOD NIGHT
LET'S GET ALONG FROM NOW ON.
RUI...

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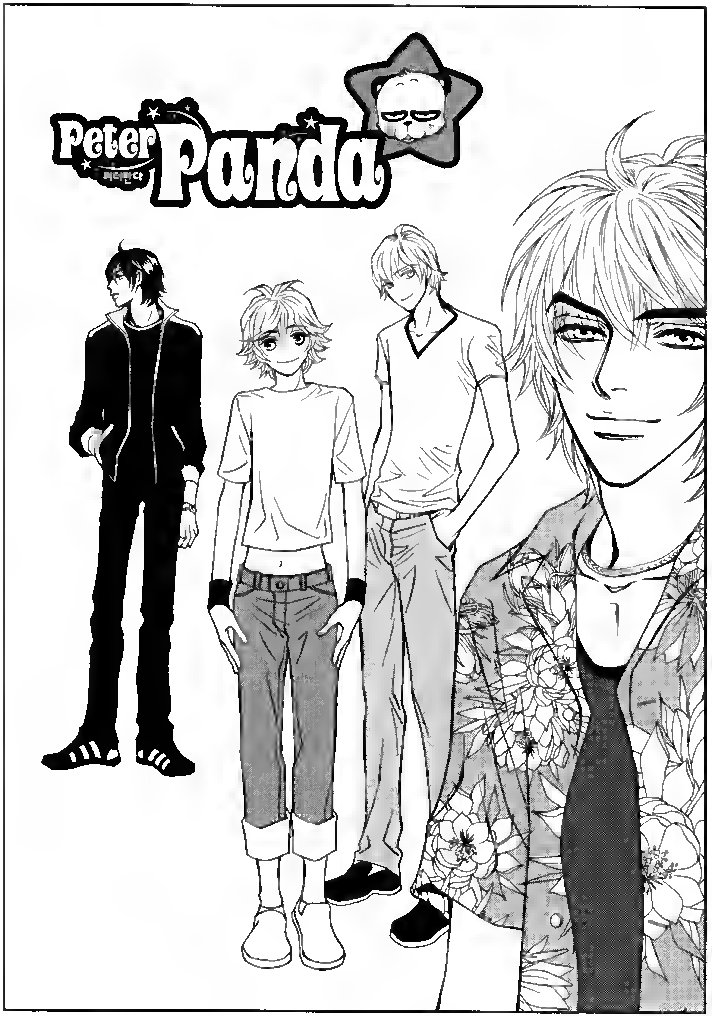
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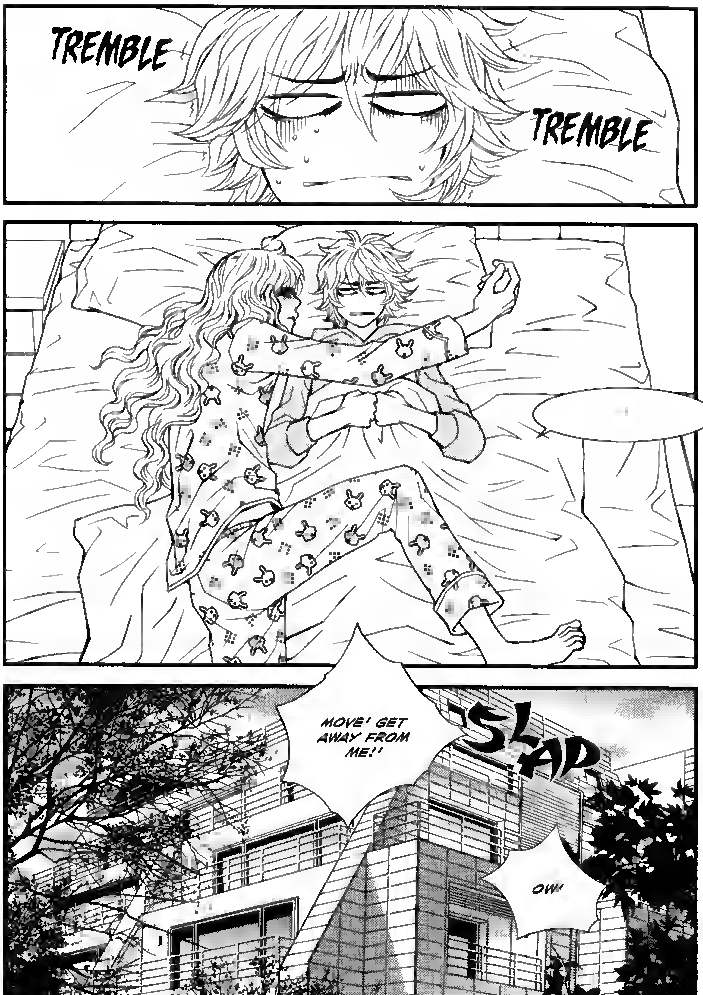
TREMBLE
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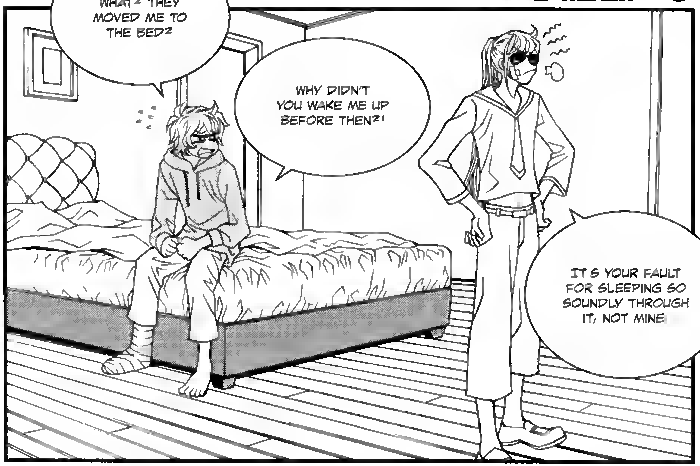
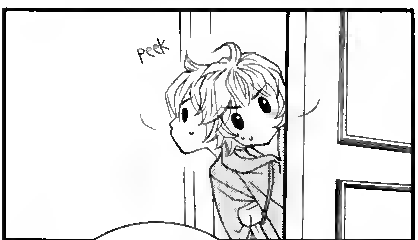
MOVE! GET AWAY FROM ME!!
SLAP
OW!


WHAT? THEY MOVED ME TO THE BED?
WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP BEFORE THEN?!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SLEEPING SO SOUNDLY THROUGH IT, NOT MINE!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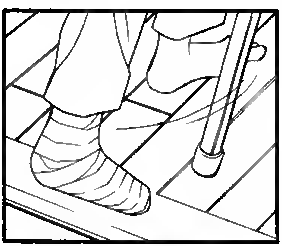
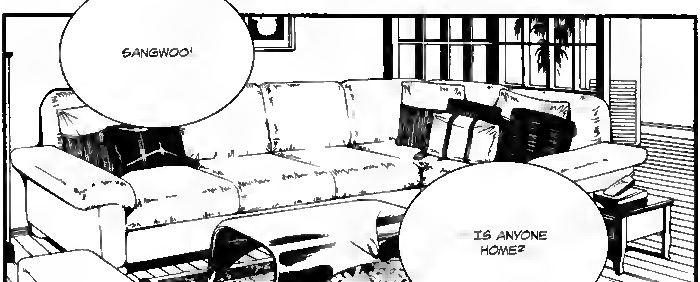
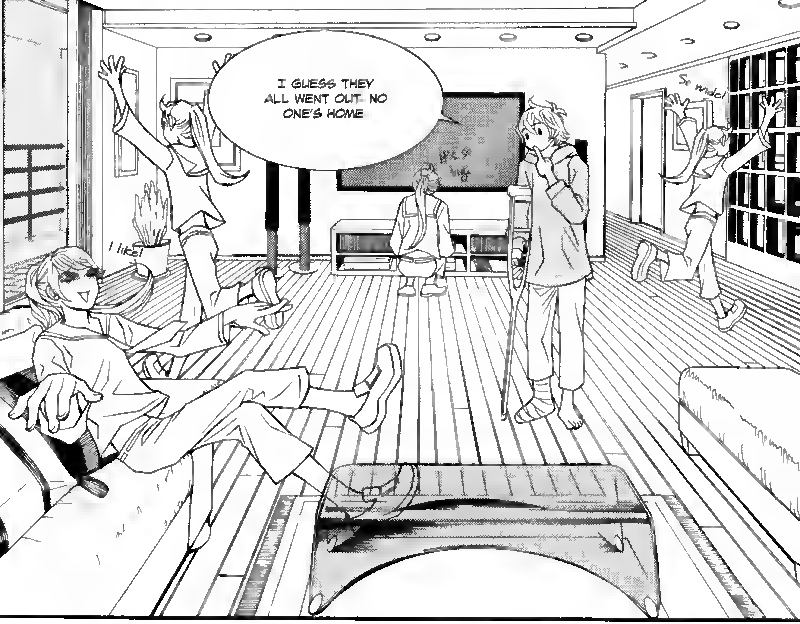
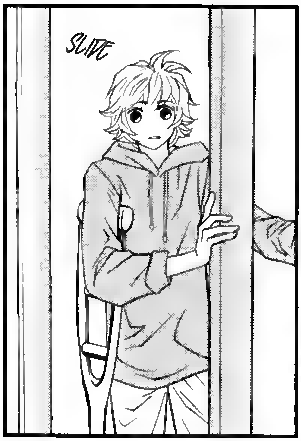



SANGWOO!
IS ANYONE HOME?


I GUESS THEY ALL WENT OUT. NO ONE'S HOME.
I like!
So Wide!


SLIDE

I HOPE SANGWOO WILL BE BACK HOME SOON
SANGWOO WENT BACK HOME YESTERDAY AFTER GETTING A CALL SAYING HIS PARENTS ARE ILL.

HE CALLED EARLIER, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN HE'LL BE BACK YET.
Y-Y-YOU WERE HOME!
Why didn't you say anything?
TRIP
SLAM

OUCH
reach
startle
click
stare
IS HE WAITING FOR ME TO GET UP?
grunt
grunt
It's give it to her

YOU'RE GONNA EAT, RIGHT? I'LL PREPARE SOME FOOD
WHAT?! AH, I CAN PREPARE FOOD BY MYSELF.
IT'S FINE. SANGWOO CALLED AND TOLD ME TO MAKE SOME FOOD FOR YOU
IT'LL JUST BE SOMETHING SIMPLE, ANYWAY, SO JUST SIT TIGHT AND WAIT
!!!
BEHHH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE CHAIR? WHAT IF HE SEES YOU?
whisper whisper
DON'T WORRY, ONLY YOU CAN SEE ME TALK AND MOVE
EVERYONE ELSE ONLY SEES A STUFFED ANIMAL, SO BACK OFF.

WHY I OUGHT TO
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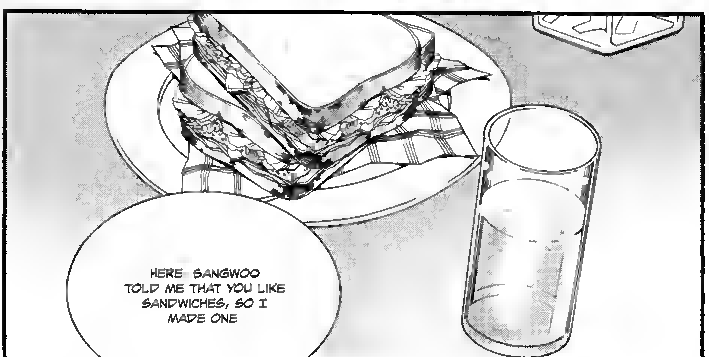

HERE. SANGWOO TOLD ME THAT YOU LIKE SANDWICHES, SO I MADE ONE

WOW... THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I WON'T STEAL IT, SO STOP GLARING AT ME!

Um...
EXCUSE ME!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT?
AH, I ALREADY ATE EARLIER
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME AND HAVE—
Thank you for the food!
slurp
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BAD IF I SAID I'D HAVE SOME.
pant
pant
Heh.

I'M JABEE. JABEE HAN. NOT "UM" OR "HEY."
AH— YES. MY NAME IS RUI
I'M PETER...
Even though you probably can't hear me.
Why are you blushing?!
RUI, RUI—
MAKE HIM TALK SOME MORE
SHUT UP! I'M NOT CRAZY ENOUGH TO DO THAT! WHY?

I BET SANGWOO WOULD LIKE IT IF YOU GOT ALONG WELL WITH THESE KIDS
Really?
...YOU SAID YOU WERE A STUDENT AT MY SCHOOL?
BUT WHY AREN'T YOU AT SCHOOL TODAY?
AH, THAT'S... THERE WAS A BIT OF TROUBLE...
I GOT SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK...
Gah
Wow! How wild~
...CAUSE I LEFT SOME BASTARD HALF DEAD!

IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE CLOSE FRIENDS WITH THE GUYS YOU WERE WITH AT SCHOOL. ARE YOU ALL IN THE SAME GRADE?
CHANGE THE TOPIC! CHANGE THE TOPIC!

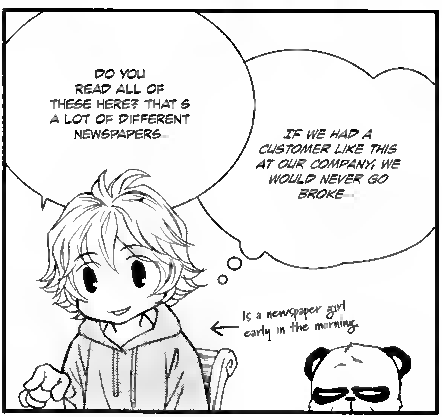
YEAH... WE'RE ALL SECOND-YEARS LIKE YOU...
WE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL FOR TWO YEARS, SO WE'RE A BIT OLDER THAN YOU
Gah.

Does that mean I have to talk to him formally? Does he want me to call him "Senior?"
..Anyway, he probably doesn't want me to act like we're the same age, right?
Call him Senior! Maybe he'll like it.
Hmmm Hmmm

.. OH.
AW, MAN...
Oh...

WELL, I DON'T WANT THINGS TO BE AWKWARD OR ANYTHING...
JUST DON'T CALL ME SENIOR, AND WE'LL BE GOOD.
SQUEAK

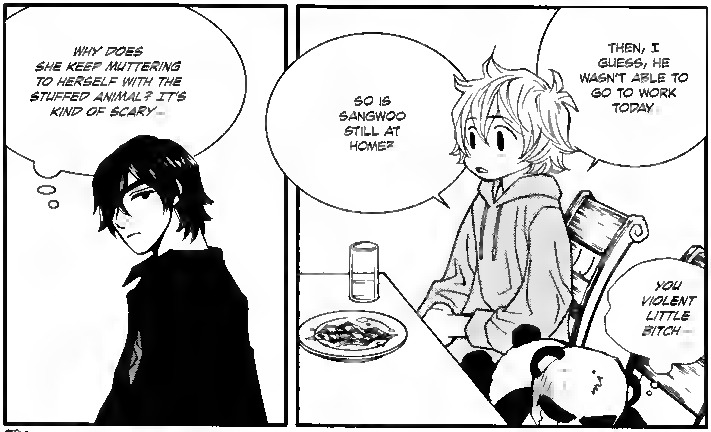
Do I have to continue?
Wow. He won't back off easily, eh?
That's kinda cute

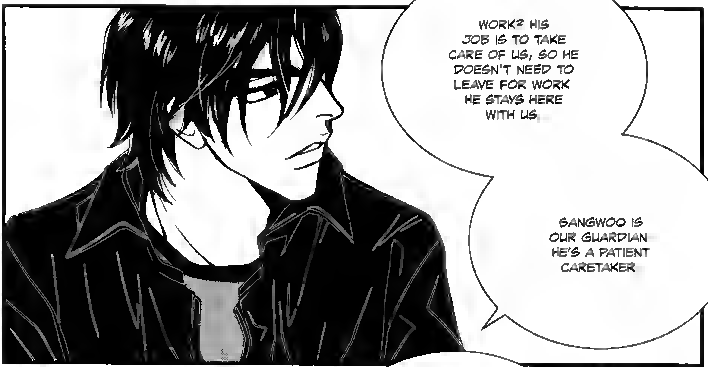

DO YOU READ ALL OF THESE HERE? THAT'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT NEWSPAPERS...
IF WE HAD A CUSTOMER LIKE THIS AT OUR COMPANY, WE WOULD NEVER GO BROKE...
Is a newspaper girl early in the morning.

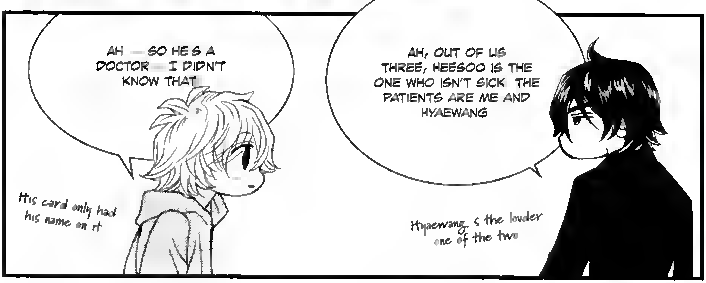
AH...

I KEEP TELLING THEM TO STOP DISTRIBUTING THESE, BUT EVERY DAY, THEY PILE UP IN FRONT OF OUR DOOR.
IF I CATCH THEM IN THE ACT, I'LL...
GR
IP

WHY CAN'T I GET ALONG WITH HIM?! I DON'T WANT TO DO IT! I WON'T!
OWWWW!


WHY DOES SHE KEEP MUTTERING TO HERSELF WITH THE STUFFED ANIMAL? IT'S KIND OF SCARY...
SO IS SANGWOO STILL AT HOME?
THEN, I GUESS, HE WASN'T ABLE TO GO TO WORK TODAY.
YOU VIOLENT LITTLE BITCH...

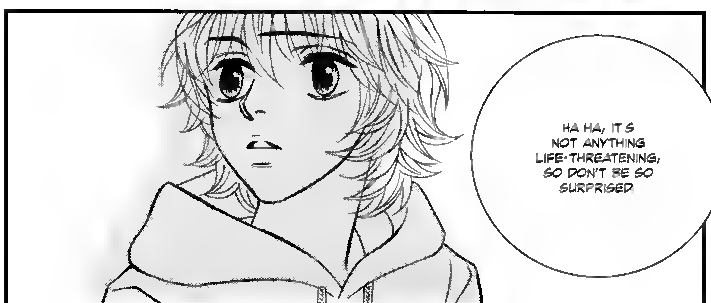

WORK? HIS JOB IS TO TAKE CARE OF US, SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO LEAVE FOR WORK HE STAYS HERE WITH US.
SANGWOO IS OUR GUARDIAN HE'S A PATIENT CARETAKER

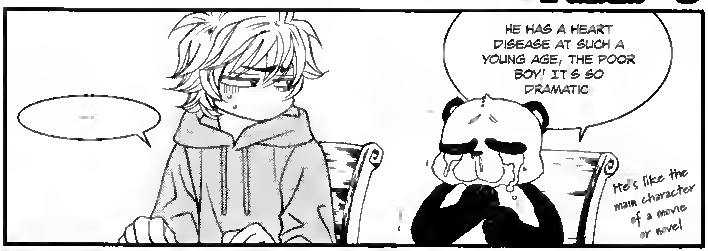

AH — SO HE'S A DOCTOR — I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
His card only had his name on it
AH, OUT OF US THREE, HEESOO IS THE ONE WHO ISN'T SICK THE PATIENTS ARE ME AND HYAEWANG
Hyaewang's the louder one of the two

"You guys aren't sick up here."
WHERE ARE YOU SICK—?

"What's wrong is down here."

...HERE.
HE SAYS SOMETHING IS WRONG SOMEWHERE DOWN HERE.


HA HA, IT'S NOT ANYTHING LIFE-THREATENING, SO DON'T BE SO SURPRISED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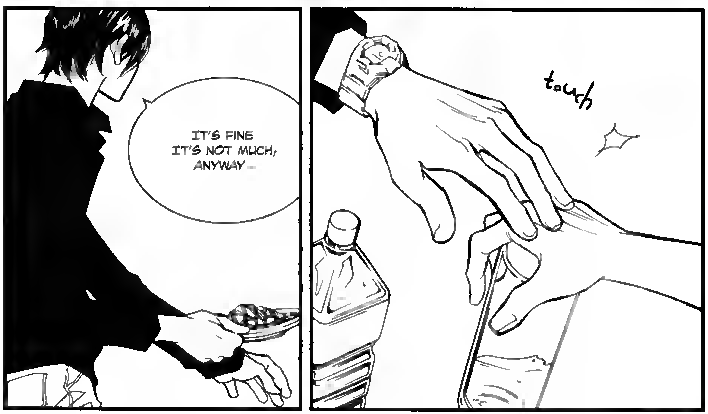
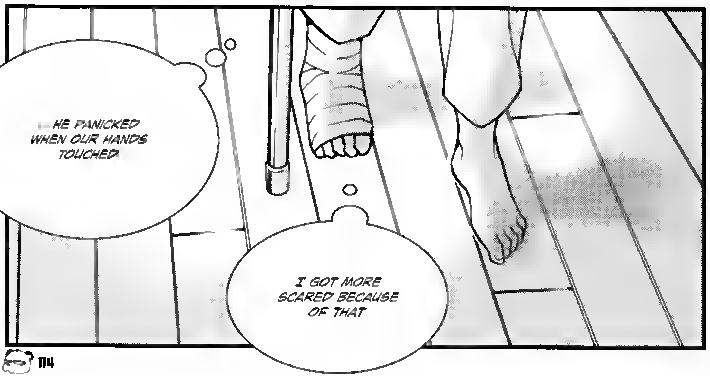
HE HAS A HEART DISEASE AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE; THE POOR BOY! IT'S SO DRAMATIC
He's like the main character of a movie or novel

I'LL CLEAN UP IF YOU'RE DONE EATING. DO YOU WANT SOME FRUITS OR COFFEE?
NO, I'LL HELP CLEAN UP

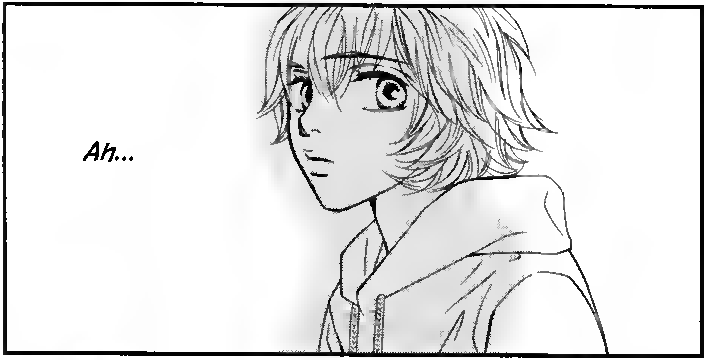

IT'S FINE IT'S NOT MUCH, ANYWAY...
touch

SNATCH

I'LL TIDY UP HERE, YOU GO AND REST. JUST CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.


HE PANICKED WHEN OUR HANDS TOUCHED
I GOT MORE SCARED BECAUSE OF THAT

Now that I think about it, he didn't try to help me up at all when I fell before.
I guess he really doesn't like others to touch him, just like me.


Ah...

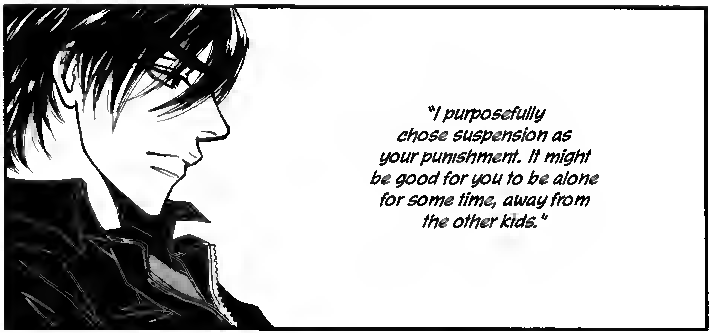
Maybe it's not that at all...
Could it be because he doesn't like me?

AW, ARE YOU BOTHERED BECAUSE YOU'RE DISLIKED?
IT'S NOT EXACTLY THAT... BUT, OF COURSE, IT DOESN'T FEEL TOO GREAT
THIS IS THE LAW OF CAUSE-AND-EFFECT, I TELL YOU. CAUSE-AND-EFFECT
WHAT? HOW COME?!
SIT UP
YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO AVOID PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE TO BE TOUCHED. NOW THAT IT'S HAPPENING TO YOU, YOU DON'T LIKE IT VERY MUCH, DO YOU?
WHEN YOU KNOW THAT A STRANGER DOESN'T LIKE YOU, YOU ALREADY FEEL KIND OF TERRIBLE
SO, HOW DOES IT FEEL WHEN THAT HATRED COMES FROM SOMEONE YOU LIKE AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT?

YOU'VE DRAWN YOUR HAND BACK COUNTLESS TIMES, EVEN WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ONLY GAVE YOU A SLIGHT TAP.
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW THOSE KIDS FEEL?
TO ME, IT'S MASOCHISTIC THAT THEY'RE FRIENDS WITH YOU EVEN THROUGH ALL THAT.

B-BUT HOLDING BACK, EVEN THOUGH I HATE IT SO MUCH, IS TOO PAINFUL. IT MAKES ME SAD, TOO.

WELL, THEN... JUST LIVE LIKE THAT FOREVER!
You little rascal


"I purposefully chose suspension as your punishment. It might be good for you to be alone for some time, away from the other kids."

"Stop looking at me like you're about to bite me. I'm not saying you guys should split up for good."
"I'm just saying you three need some time away from each other— some time to yourself."

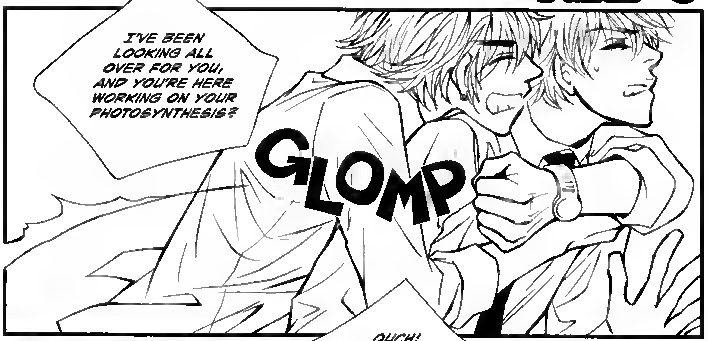
"If you accept me as your doctor, you'll have to face me one-on-one in the future. If you can't do that, I'll have to give up."
"Right now, the three of you are definitely at your worst."

"Honestly, Jabee, I'm pretty sure you know that yourself, don't you?"
DAMMIT! WHAT IS IT?!
PUNCH
What about me is at its worst?!
Why are you saying that we need to be apart?! Why?!
What are you saying is wrong with us? The three of us were definitely enough to get by back then.

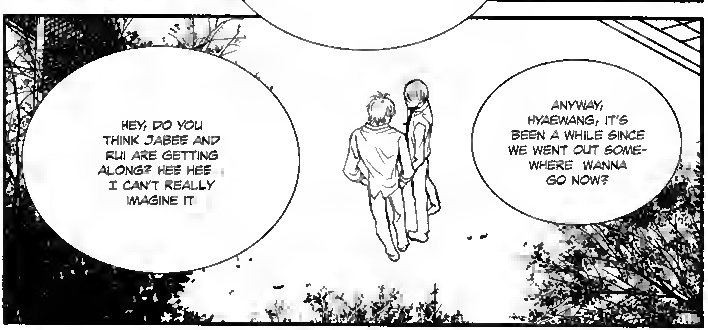
We didn't need anything else because we were all together.
Just like back then. That alone was definitely perfect...

HEESOO KANG? HE'S NOT HERE. MAYBE HE WENT OUT.
HE'S NOT IN THE RESTROOM, AND JABEE'S NOT HERE, EITHER. WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE ALONE?
AH... HE'S NOT A KID ANYMORE, SO I GUESS HE CAN WALK AROUND BY HIMSELF. MAYBE HE MADE A NEW FRIEND AND WENT OUT... HM...

HEY! HEESOO KANG!


I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU, AND YOU'RE HERE WORKING ON YOUR PHOTOSYNTHESIS?
GLOMP
OUCH! HEY, THAT HURTS!

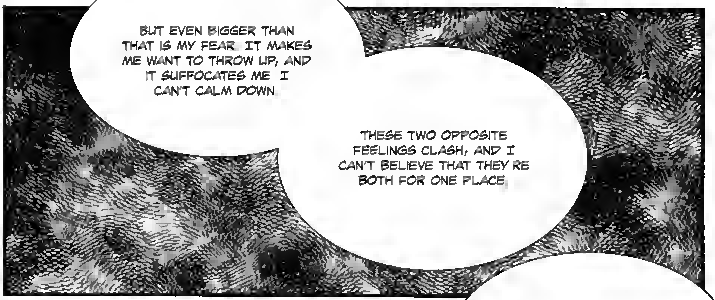
HEESOO, IF YOU SPACE OUT UNDER THE SUN FOR TOO LONG, YOU'LL COLLAPSE AGAIN FROM HEATSTROKE. BE CAREFUL.
STUPID! THAT WAS WHEN I WAS LITTLE. I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO GET THAT ANYMORE.


HEY, DO YOU THINK JABBE AND RUI ARE GETTING ALONG? HEE HEE. I CAN'T REALLY IMAGINE IT.
ANYWAY, HYAEWANG, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE WENT OUT SOMEWHERE. WANNA GO NOW?

WHERE? IS THERE SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO GO?
YEAH.
EDEN.
I WONDER IF THAT PLACE HAS CHANGED AT ALL. I WANT TO GO THERE.
---E---DEN?
IS THAT THE NAME OF SOME SORT OF NEW CLUB?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT? THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN FORGET.
IT'S OUR SECRET BASE THAT WE USED TO HANG OUT AT WHEN WE WERE LITTLE. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF WE WERE ALL BORN THERE.

AH... YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THAT I FORGOT.
B-BUT WOULDN'T IT BE GONE BY NOW? IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME
I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO GO BACK, EITHER. MY MEMORY ABOUT IT IS TOO HAZY
HYAEWANG!
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL? YOU'RE AS PALE AS THE DAY WHEN YOU HAD THAT SEIZURE.

IT'S MY FAULT I'M SORRY IF I BOTHERED YOU BY TALKING ABOUT EDEN.
IF YOU WANT ME TO, I'LL NEVER TALK ABOUT IT AGAIN SO...
—NO HEESOO—
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED AS WELL.
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT I WANT TO GO THERE MYSELF.
SOMETIMES, I TEAR UP JUST THINKING ABOUT IT. I MISS IT SO MUCH.


BUT EVEN BIGGER THAN THAT IS MY FEAR. IT MAKES ME WANT TO THROW UP, AND IT SUFFOCATES ME. I CAN'T CALM DOWN.
THESE TWO OPPOSITE FEELINGS CLASH, AND I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE BOTH FOR ONE PLACE.

SO I WANT TO SEE IT, BUT I CAN NEVER BRING IT UP WHEN JABEE'S AROUND.
HE GETS SO ANGRY THAT IT'S ALMOST SCARY

WHEN JABEE GETS ANGRY, SOMEONE ALWAYS GETS HURT-- EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT THE ONE FIGHTING HIM OR GETTING HIT BY HIM, I FEEL THE PAIN AND THE SADNESS.

BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT'S ACTUALLY HURTING JABEE AS WELL.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, HYAEWANG.
MAYBE HE GETS MAD BECAUSE HE'S FEELING CONFUSED HIMSELF. IN OUR MEMORIES, THERE ARE DEFINITELY TWO THINGS THAT CAN'T BE MIXED TOGETHER.

WE'LL GO TO OUR SECRET BASE IN THE FUTURE... SLOWLY, BUT SURELY.
WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE'LL TAKE JABEE TOO. IF HE GETS ANGRY, WE'LL GET EVEN ANGRIER AND DRAG HIM THERE OURSELVES
WE CAN BEAT HIM IF WE COMBINE FORCES. DON'T YOU THINK SO?
AND MAYBE JABEE WANTS TO SEE IT, TOO.

AND IF THAT PLACE IS JUST AS PEACEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL AS IT WAS BEFORE,
THEN NOT ONLY WILL WE GO, WE'LL ALSO TAKE OUR NEW-FOUND FRIEND WITH US. ALL RIGHT?

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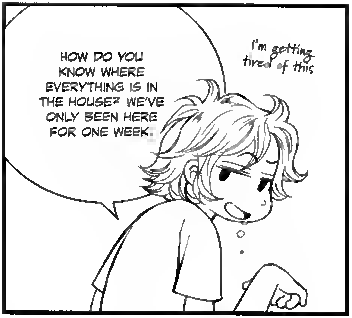
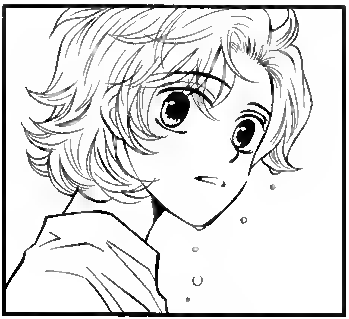
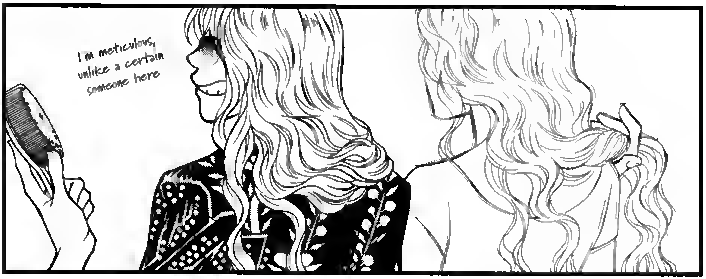
AH, IT'S NOT HERE
OH, THE TOWEL?
IF YOU GO TO THE DRESSING ROOM NEXT TO SANGWOO'S ROOM, THERE S ONE IN THE FIRST DRAWER

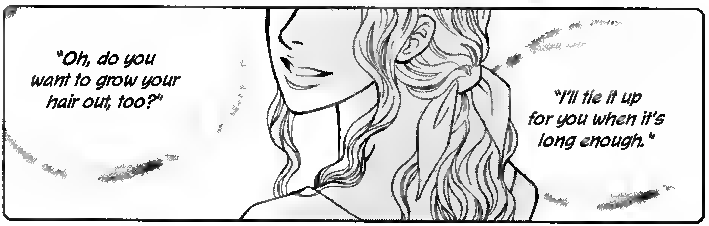

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE EVERYTHING IS IN THE HOUSE? WE'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR ONE WEEK.
I'm getting tired of this



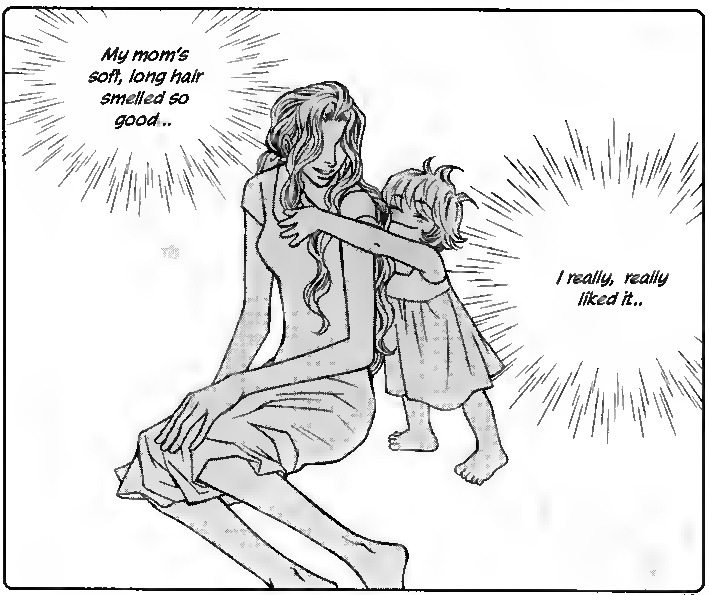

I am meticulous, unlike a certain someone here

"Mom..."

"What's wrong, Rui?"

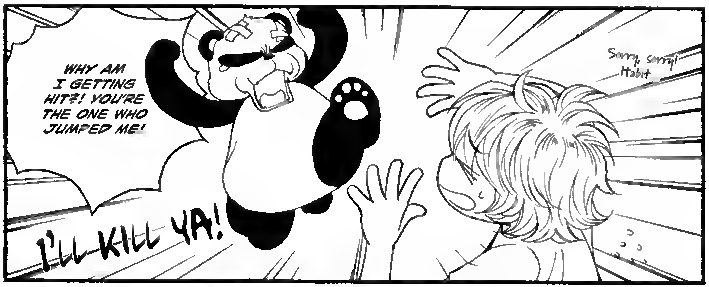

"Oh, do you want to grow your hair out, too?"
"I'll tie it up for you when it's long enough."

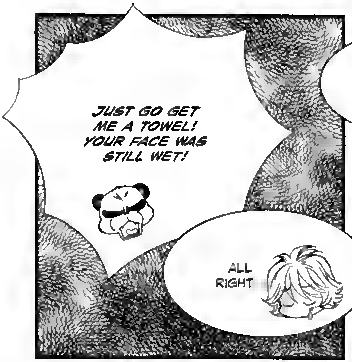
"OK! Promise! Promise!"


My mom's soft, long hair smelled so good..
I really, really liked it..

Mom!
HUG
...

tap
tap
AH!
YOU'RE FREE TO LIKE ME IF YOU WANT TO.
BUT SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST CONSIDER MY FEELINGS, TOO?
GAHHHHHHHH!
철썩!
SLAP

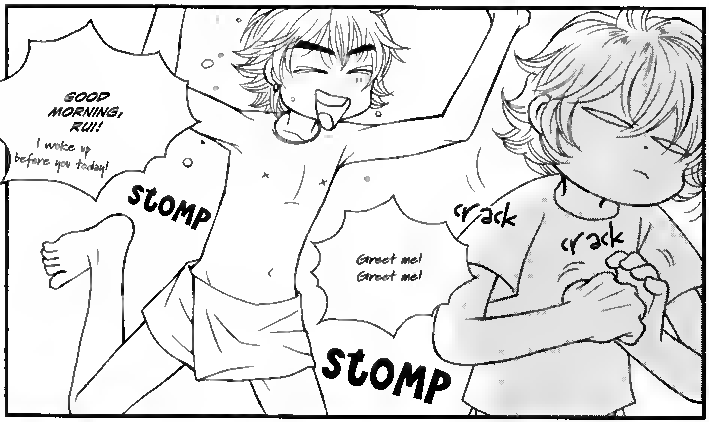

WHY AM I GETTING HIT?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO JUMPED ME!
I'LL KILL YA!
Sorry, sorry!! Habit


JUST GO GET ME A TOWEL! YOUR FACE WAS STILL WET!
ALL RIGHT

I MUST BE CRAZY
WHY DID I DO THAT?

OPEN
flick

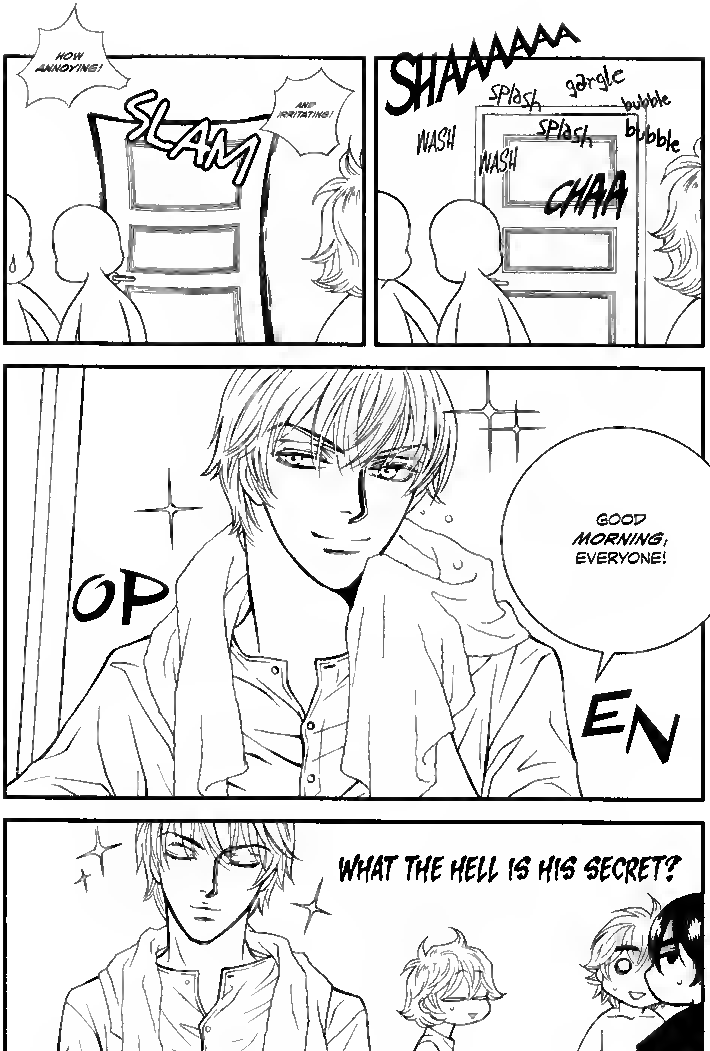
TRAMPLE
stomp
stomp
He's coming!

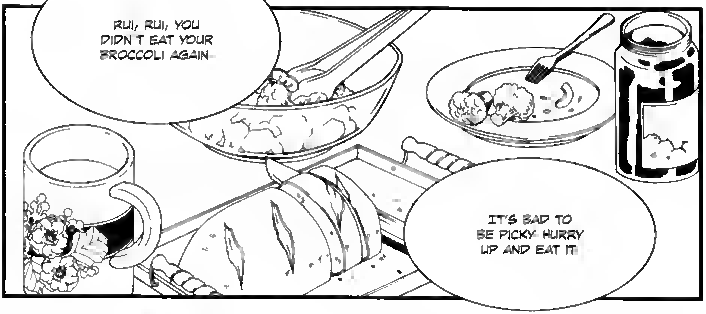

GOOD MORNING, RUI!
I woke up before you today!
STOMP
Greet me! Greet me!
STOMP
crack
crack

KICK
AH...

I told you not to walk around naked, Bastard
I have a towel on today!
You're not making any sense!
You're not making any sense
bicker
bicker
I DIDN'T HAVE TO HANDLE IT MYSELF TODAY

MOVE!
growl
HEY, YOU @#$%ERS! WILL YOU STOP FIGHTING THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?!
IF YOU KEEP DOING THAT, I'LL %@#$ AND #@%@ YOU!!


HOW ANNOYING!
SLAM
AND IRRITATING!
SHAAAAAA
splash
gargle
bubble
WASH
splash
bubble
WASH
CHAA
OP
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!
EN
WHAT THE HELL IS HIS SECRET?


RUI, RUI, YOU DIDN'T EAT YOUR BROCCOLI AGAIN
IT'S BAD TO BE PICKY HURRY UP AND EAT IT!

Go! Go!
CHEW
CHEW

Gulp.
What kind of taste is this? Ugh
OH!
GREAT JOB!
HYAEWANG S TAKING REAL GOOD CARE OF RUI I THINK HE CAN EVEN BE HER OLDER BROTHER.
Well, I wonder

WHY AREN'T YOU EATING THE BROCCOLI ON YOUR PLATE?
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I NEVER EAT WHAT I DON'T LIKE!
STUPID, YOU REALLY ATE IT JUST BECAUSE I TOLD YOU TO

black
black
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

WAHHH!
GRRR
No! I don't want it!
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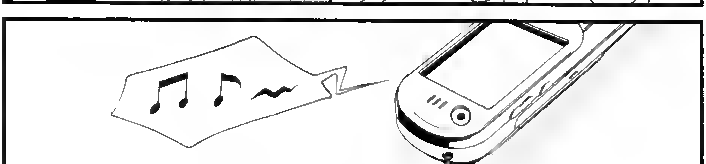
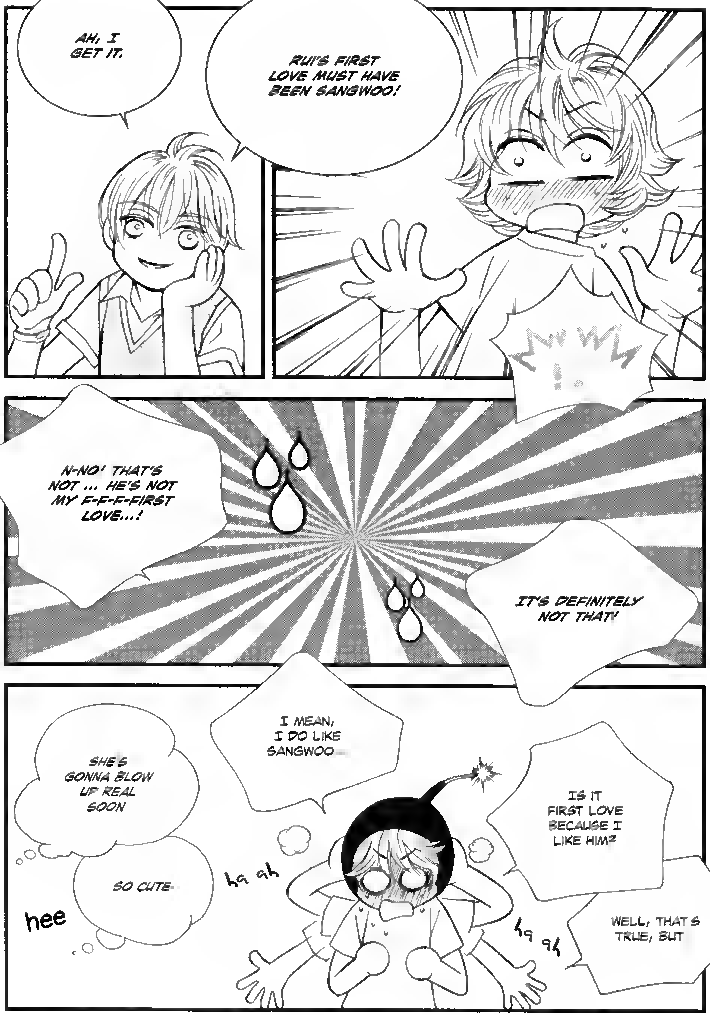


AH, SANGWOO.
YEAH, YEAH WE WERE JUST EATING BREAKFAST; DON'T WORRY.
REALLY? YEAH YEAH
glare
glare
It stings
Gimme the phone. GIMME THE PHONE!
snatch
AH, HERE.
YES, SANGWOO..

YEAH, THEY SAID I CAN TAKE THE CAST OFF SOON. YES, OF COURSE
AH... SO YOU'RE COMING BACK SOON? YES OK, I'LL DO THAT.
OK, BYE
click
WHY... ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
STARE
RUI, YOUR FACE...
YOUR FACE HAS FLOWERS ON IT...
HUH?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU MET SANGWOO ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO?
YOU MUST'VE BEEN REALLY YOUNG, YET YOU STILL REMEMBERED HIM? AND MISSED HIM?


AH, I GET IT.
RUI'S FIRST LOVE MUST HAVE BEEN SANGWOO!
N-NO! THAT'S NOT ... HE'S NOT MY F-F-F-FIRST LOVE...!
IT'S DEFINITELY NOT THAT!
I MEAN, I DO LIKE SANGWOO
SHE'S GONNA BLOW UP REAL SOON
SO CUTE
hee
IS IT FIRST LOVE BECAUSE I LIKE HIM?
WELL, THAT'S TRUE, BUT

OK, THEN YOU PROBABLY HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE THAN I DO, SO I'LL ASK YOU
HOW IS LIKING SOMEONE
DIFFERENT FROM LOVING SOMEONE?
Hm...
28

Hmmm...
I MEAN
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK SO HARD
AH, I GOT IT.
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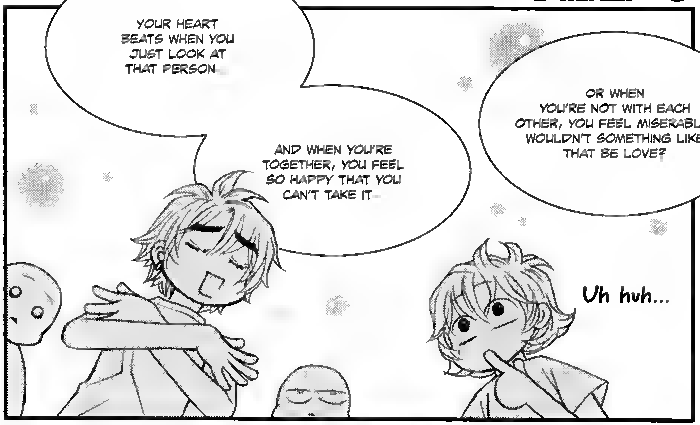
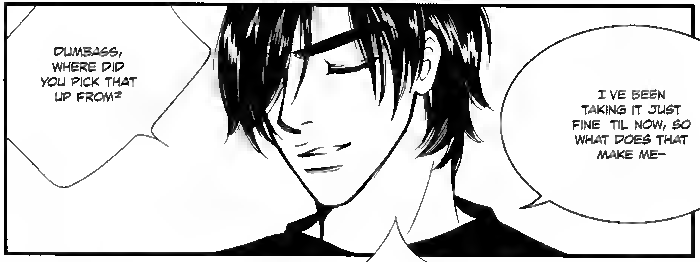
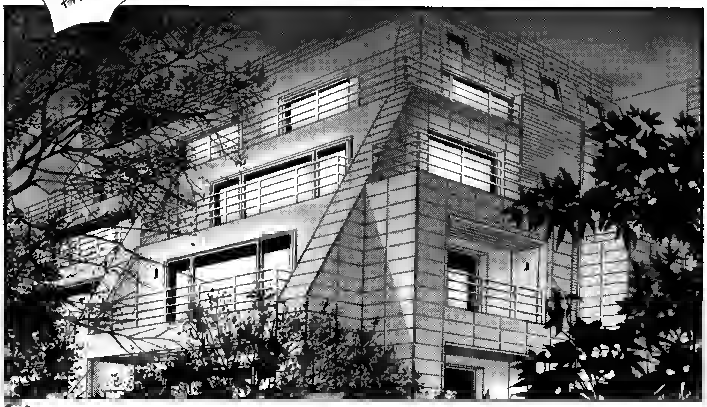
LOVE IS DEFINITELY
WHEN YOU JUST CAN'T TAKE IT.


YOUR HEART BEATS WHEN YOU JUST LOOK AT THAT PERSON.
AND WHEN YOU'RE TOGETHER, YOU FEEL SO HAPPY THAT YOU CAN'T TAKE IT.
OR WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH EACH OTHER, YOU FEEL MISERABLE. WOULDN'T SOMETHING LIKE THAT BE LOVE?
Uh huh...

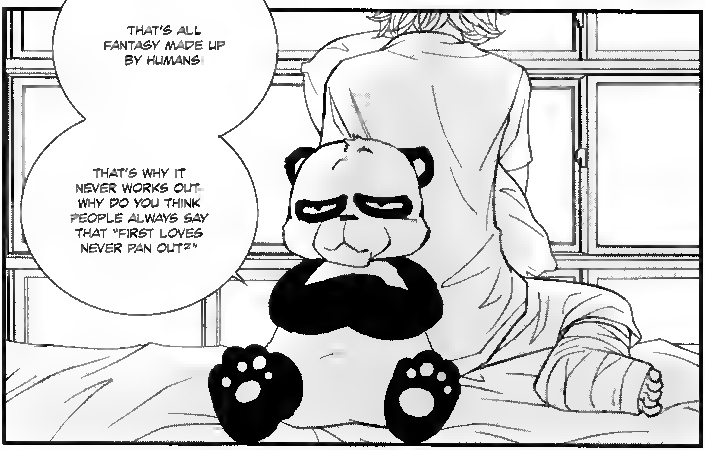

DUMBASS, WHERE DID YOU PICK THAT UP FROM?
I'VE BEEN TAKING IT JUST FINE 'TIL NOW, SO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME—

ACK.
Eh?!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

YOU HAD SOMEONE IN MIND? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?!
stumble
Catch him! Hold him down!
YOU'VE BEEN HIDING ALL THIS FROM US LIKE A SLY FOX, YOU LITTLE TRAITOR!
SLAM
LET GO OF ME, YOU BASTARDS!
BICKER
Who is it? Talk!
BICKER
Do you want to be tortured?!
Heh
I'VE EVEN SEEN HIM TURN RED FROM EMBARRASSMENT BEFORE
It's kinda funny



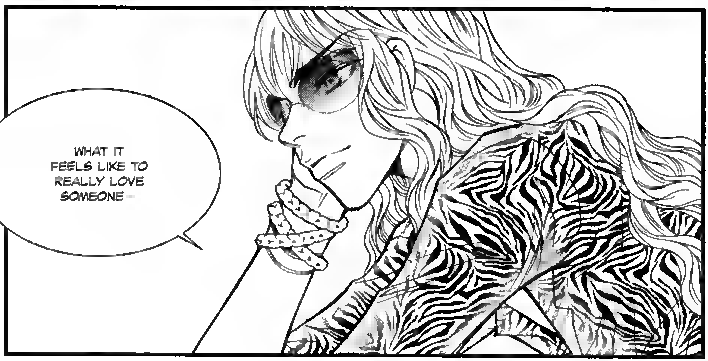
COULD SANGWOO REALLY BE MY FIRST LOVE?
IF I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T REMEMBER EVER LIKING SOMEONE LIKE THAT.


THAT'S ALL FANTASY MADE UP BY HUMANS.
THAT'S WHY IT NEVER WORKS OUT. WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY THAT "FIRST LOVES NEVER PAN OUT?"

EH? IT WON'T COME TRUE? WHY? HOW COME?!
OH, WHAT IS THIS?
YOU AREN'T WISHING SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU TWO, ARE YOU?
NO... THAT'S NOT IT...
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT I REALLY, REALLY WANT TO SEE SANGWOO. I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE I GOT HERE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. MISSING HIM DOESN'T MEAN YOU LOVE HIM.
THAT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM GOING TO THE ZOO BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SEE A LIVE PANDA.

THEN, I WONDER WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO REALLY LOVE SOMEONE...

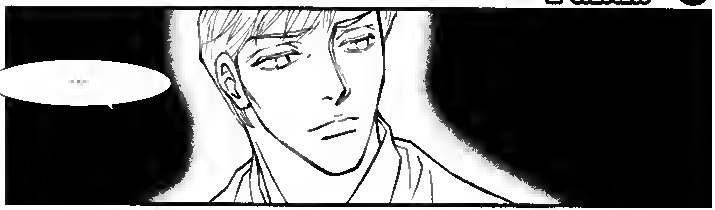
HEH


WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO REALLY LOVE SOMEONE...

HOW SHOULD I KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
BUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING I'M SURE OF,
IT'S THAT WHEN YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT LOVE FEELS LIKE ... THAT'S WHEN YOU BECOME AN ADULT.
AND THAT'S WHEN WE'LL PART WAYS.

NOW THAT FATHER'S CONDITION IS STABLE, I'LL LEAVE TOMORROW
WHAT? YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE LIKE THAT? DIDN'T YOU HEAR MOTHER? YOU'RE NEEDED RIGHT NOW AT HOME.
FATHER'S PUT SO MUCH EFFORT INTO ENLARGING THE HOSPITAL; IF YOU CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE TOPIC LIKE THIS, THINGS WILL BECOME DIFFICULT.
SISTER-IN-LAW IS QUITE CAPABLE OF DOING IT, AND SHE WANTS TO AS WELL.
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ME.

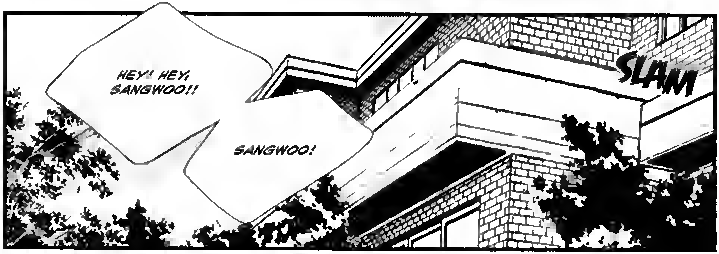
THAT'S NOT WHAT FATHER WANTS.
HE WANTS YOU, HIS SON, TO DO IT.
YOU'VE GIVEN HIM SO MUCH GRIEF FOR SO LONG, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO DO WHAT HE WANTS?
FROM WHAT I HEAR, YOU'RE THE PRIVATE DOCTOR OF THE CHILDREN OF SOME FAMILIES?
YOU'RE ONLY A "PRIVATE DOCTOR" IN NAME. IS LOOKING AFTER SOME IMMATURE KIDS WHAT YOU REALLY WANTED TO DO?


...

I REGRET THAT I COULDN'T HELP YOU AS AN OLDER BROTHER WHEN YOU HAD THAT ACCIDENT,
BUT I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE PERSON YOU ARE RIGHT NOW. I THINK THAT ENOUGH, IF NOT PLENTY, OF TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN.

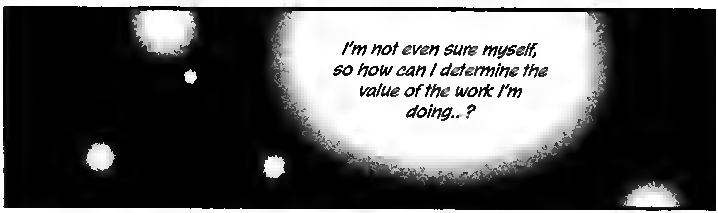
IT SEEMS LIKE TO ME THAT YOU'RE STIGMATIZING YOURSELF WITH THAT SCAR...
AND HIDING BEHIND IT, CONSUMING YOURSELF WITH USELESS WORK AND THEREBY WASTING YOUR TIME.

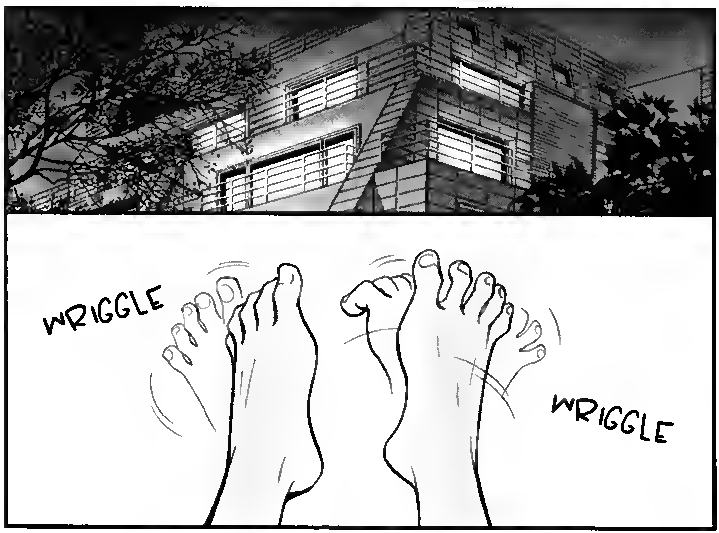
DON'T SAY THINGS SO EASILY SIMPLY BECAUSE IT DOESN'T INVOLVE YOU.
AND AS TO WHETHER MY LIFE HAS VALUE OR NOT THAT'S A MATTER FOR ME TO DECIDE


HEY! HEY, SANGWOO!!
SANGWOO!
SLAM

Anger usually indicates that something one already knows has been provoked..

Work that has value, huh..

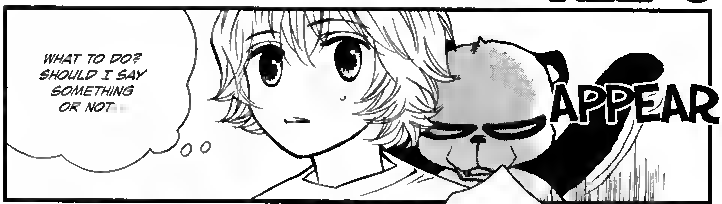

I'm not even sure myself, so how can I determine the value of the work I'm doing..?

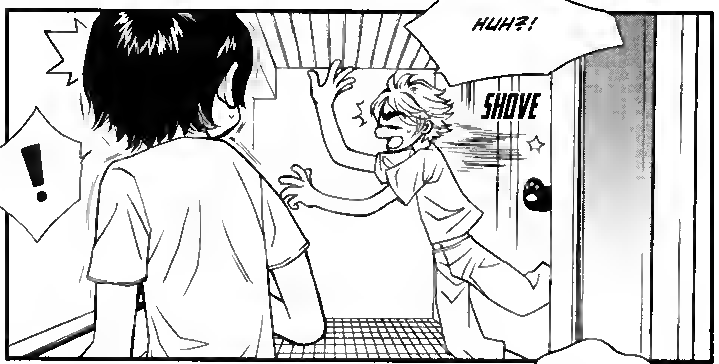

WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE

smile
smile
ARE YOU STILL WRIGGLING AROUND LIKE THAT?
IS IT REALLY THAT GREAT TO HAVE YOUR CAST TAKEN OFF?
FLAP
OF COURSE, SILLY!
FLAP
IT'S BEEN A FRUSTRATING COUPLE OF WEEKS. NOW I CAN GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN...
AND START WORKING, AND WHEN ALL THE CONSTRUCTION IS OVER, I CAN EVEN GO BACK HOME.
!
SUDDENLY
WHAT?!
STOOD UP
GO BACK?! GO BACK WHERE?! I'M NOT GOING! IMPOSSIBLE! GO YOU STAY HERE, TOO!
WHAT? NO! WHY SHOULD I?

I'll rather die.
THEN, YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE THIS SPACIOUS, WONDERFUL HOUSE AND THOSE CUTE BOYS BEHIND..
No way.
..AND GO BACK TO THAT ATTIC ROOM OF YOURS WITH YOU, SOMEONE WITH AMBIGUOUS GENDER WHOSE ONLY GOOD TRAIT IS PHYSICAL STRENGTH?
As he wished.
DEAD
MUFF
MUFF
I HAVEN'T DONE SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR A WHILE, NOW I'M THIRSTY.
WELL,
I ALSO FEEL A BIT REGRETFUL WHEN I THINK THAT I WON'T SEE MR. SANGWOO AS OFTEN ANYMORE

HMM...?


WHAT TO DO? SHOULD I SAY SOMETHING OR NOT...
APPEAR


HUH?!
SHOVE
!

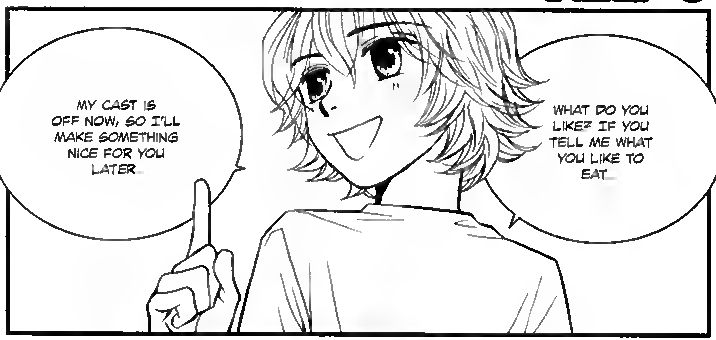
YOU HAVEN'T GONE TO SLEEP YET, HUH
IS YOUR LEG ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO BE WALKING AROUND LIKE THAT?
surprised

YES— WELL—
PETER, YOU'RE DEAD!!

H-H-HAVEN'T YOU GONE TO SLEEP YET? IT'S QUITE LATE.
SOB
SOB
TEE HEE
REVENGE
WHEN I HAVE A NIGHTMARE, IT'S HARD TO FALL ASLEEP AGAIN.
IF I GET SOME FRESH AIR AND GO BACK INSIDE, IT'LL BE A BIT BETTER.
BY NIGHTMARE — YOU MEAN — FEELING AS IF YOU'RE BEING OPPRESSED BY THE DREAM?
THAT HAPPENS TO ME SOMETIMES; AND IT REALLY IS HARD TO FALL ASLEEP AGAIN!
IF I MANAGE TO WAKE UP AND FALL ASLEEP AGAIN, I FEEL AS IF I'M BEING OPPRESSED AGAIN.
A MESSENGER OF DEATH WEARING BLACK CLOTHES KEEPS ON CHOKING MY NECK JUST KEEPS ON—

BUT DON'T WORRY! BECAUSE THERE'S A WAY!
My boss told me about it
NO... IT'S NOT THAT I REALLY GET THAT FEELING...
NOW...
CLENCH YOUR FISTS AND THEN RELAX THEM THREE TIMES.
clench
clench
CLAP ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR HOW EVER MANY YEARS YOU'VE BEEN ALIVE.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
Forward roll
five times stat.
hup
hup
hup
IF YOU DO ALL THIS AND THEN LIE DOWN, YOU WON'T EVER GET THAT HORRIBLE OPPRESSED FEELING.
Seriously! It's effective!!!
hm
hm
UH HUH...
THANKS. I'LL BE SURE TO KEEP IT IN MIND.

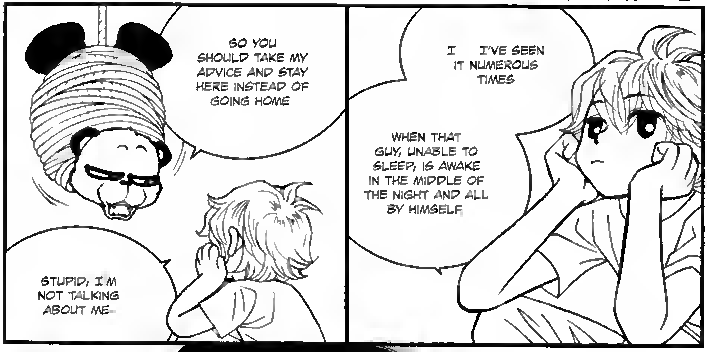
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER ME UNTIL MY CAST CAME OFF.
TAKING ME TO THE HOSPITAL, MAKING MEALS FOR ME EVERY DAY... I'VE RECEIVED YOUR HELP IN SO MANY WAYS.
AND ER...
Still trying to get his facial expression under control
IT WASN'T MUCH.
?
I WAS AT HOME, ANYWAY.
AND ALL YOU ATE WERE EGG SANDWICHES EVERY DAY, SO THE MENU WAS REALLY EASY, TOO.
Although thanks to that I'm sick of them now
OH... WAS IT A BIT MUCH?
I SUPPOSE EVEN MY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL GOT SICK OF IT BECAUSE I WAS EATING IT EVERY DAY


MY CAST IS OFF NOW, SO I'LL MAKE SOMETHING NICE FOR YOU LATER...
WHAT DO YOU LIKE? IF YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE TO EAT...

ANYTHING.
JUST AS LONG AS THEY'RE NOT EGG SANDWICHES.
Hʼa ha ha, yes...

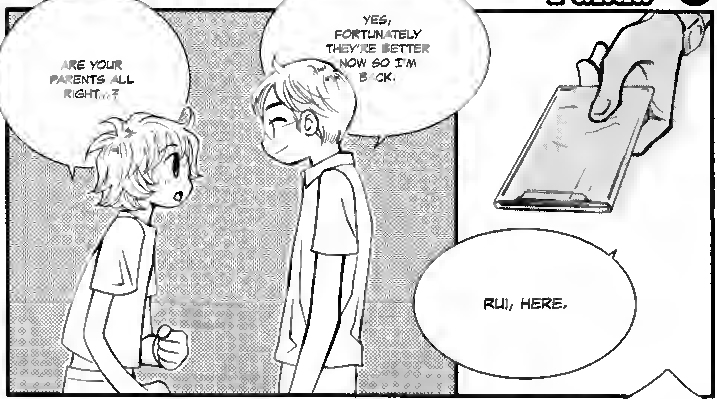
THEN DON'T HAVE NIGHTMARES AND GO TO SLEEP NOW.
AND IF YOU GET THOSE OPPRESSIVE NIGHTMARES AGAIN, TRY DOING WHAT I JUST SHOWED YOU.
YES, I WILL.
PFFT

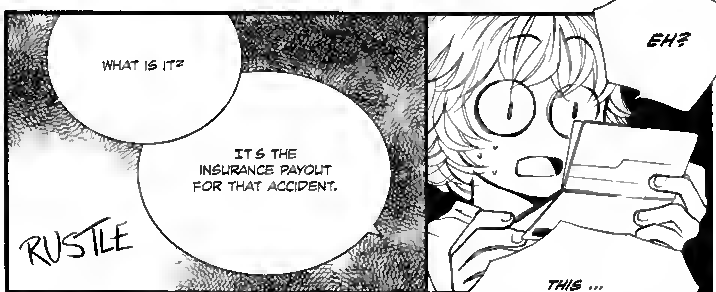
NOW; LET'S DO SOME PANDA HUNTING, SHALL WE~
Please forgive me.
GAHHH
LIVING IN A NICE HOUSE LIKE THIS~
AND BEING WITH YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS EVERY DAY~, I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE ANY WORRIES OR CONCERNS~


SO YOU SHOULD TAKE MY ADVICE AND STAY HERE INSTEAD OF GOING HOME
STUPID, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT ME...
I... I'VE SEEN IT NUMEROUS TIMES
WHEN THAT GUY, UNABLE TO SLEEP, IS AWAKE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND ALL BY HIMSELF

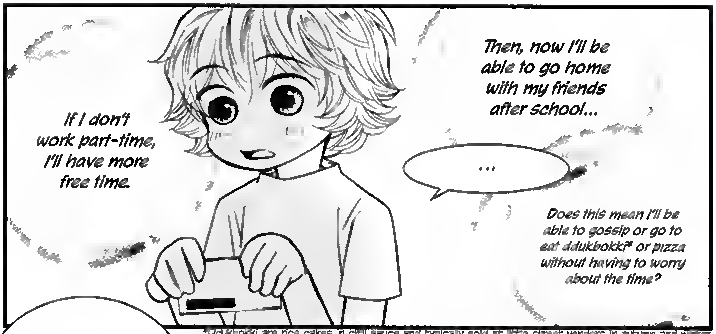
HE SAID HE FREQUENTLY HAS NIGHTMARES, BUT I WONDER IF THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT?
SOMETIMES... HE PUTS ON THIS FACE, AS IF HE'S BEEN LEFT ALONE ON THIS EARTH.
AND WHEN I SEE THAT FACE, FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL SAD AS WELL.

Let's go to school, let's go to school!
KNOCK KNOCK
MR. SANGWOO!!
YOU'RE VERY EARLY!

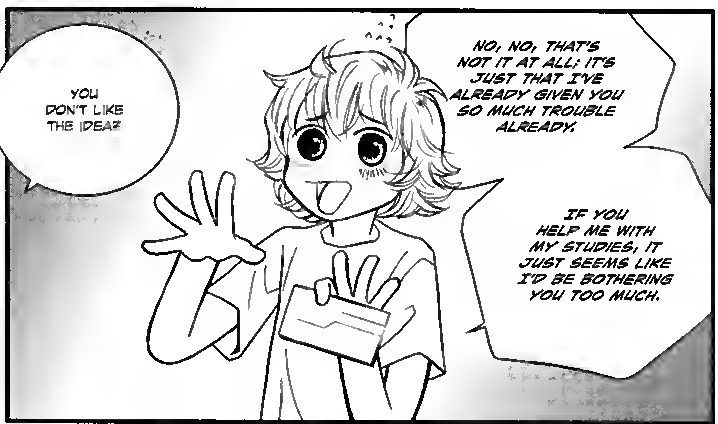

ARE YOUR PARENTS ALL RIGHT...?
YES, FORTUNATELY THEY'RE BETTER NOW SO I'M BACK.
RUI, HERE.


WHAT IS IT?
IT'S THE INSURANCE PAYOUT FOR THAT ACCIDENT.
RUSTLE
EH?
THIS ... THIS MUCH?

SO STOP WORKING AT YOUR PART-TIME JOB UNTIL YOU GRADUATE.
YOU CAN STUDY, GO OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS
EXPERIENCE A NORMAL SCHOOL LIFE APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR AGE

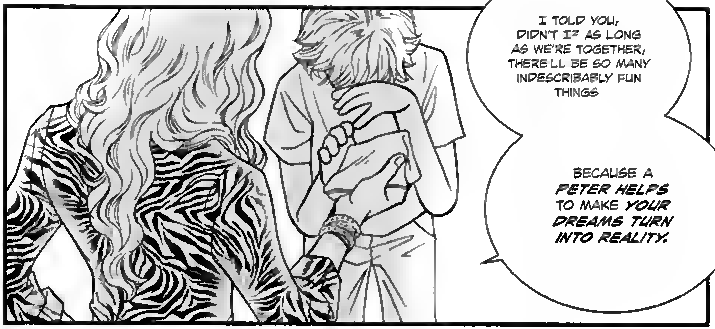

If I don't work part-time, I'll have more free time.
Then, now I'll be able to go home with my friends after school...
...
Does this mean I'll be able to gossip or go to eat ddukbokki* or pizza without having to worry about the time?

*Ddukbokki are rice cakes in chili sauce and typically sold at little street vendors in autumn and winter

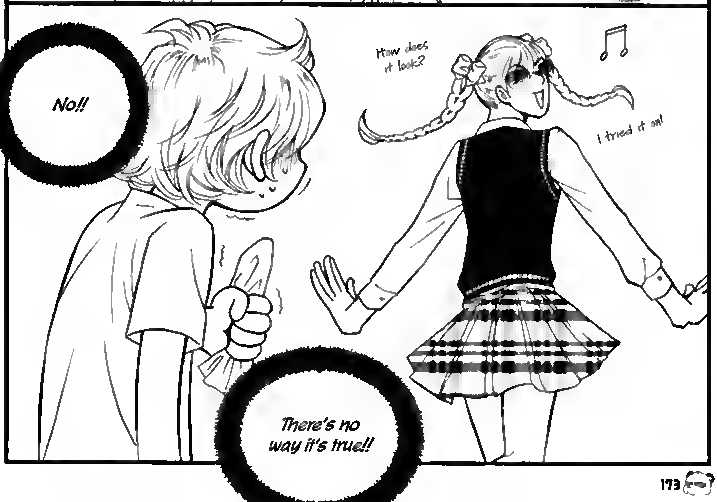

YOU DON'T LIKE THE IDEA?
NO, NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL; IT'S JUST THAT I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE ALREADY.
IF YOU HELP ME WITH MY STUDIES, IT JUST SEEMS LIKE I'D BE BOTHERING YOU TOO MUCH.

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
ONCE STUDIES BEGIN, I BET YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'LL BE BOTHERED.
NO WAY
I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT, AND IT'S SUCH AN UNUSUAL FATE OF OURS TO HAVE MET AGAIN LIKE THIS
IT'S PATHETIC, BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO OBSESSED WITH MY STUDIES.
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIEND'S OR RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF TIME
AS SUCH, YOU'RE THAT MUCH MORE SPECIAL TO ME
SINCE THAT RAINY DAY WHEN WE FIRST MET TEN YEARS AGO.
YOU'RE A VERY OLD FRIEND

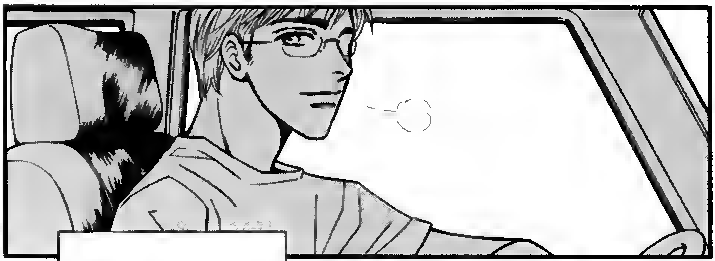
SO IF YOU COULD RELY ON ME MORE, I'D BE VERY HAPPY.
OH, LOOK, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL. YOU GET READY, I'LL GET BREAKFAST READY.
OH — YES—
...
HUH...? WHAT, RUI, YOU—
ARE YOU CRYING? WHY?
I DON'T KNOW— THE TEARS ARE JUST COMING OUT—
I'M NOT QUITE SURE AS TO WHETHER THIS IS A DREAM OR NOT. I'M JUST SO HAPPY—

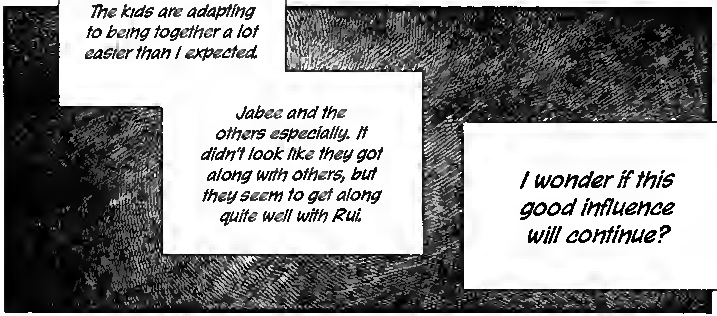

I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, THERE'LL BE SO MANY INDESCRIBABLY FUN THINGS
BECAUSE A PETER HELPS TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS TURN INTO REALITY.

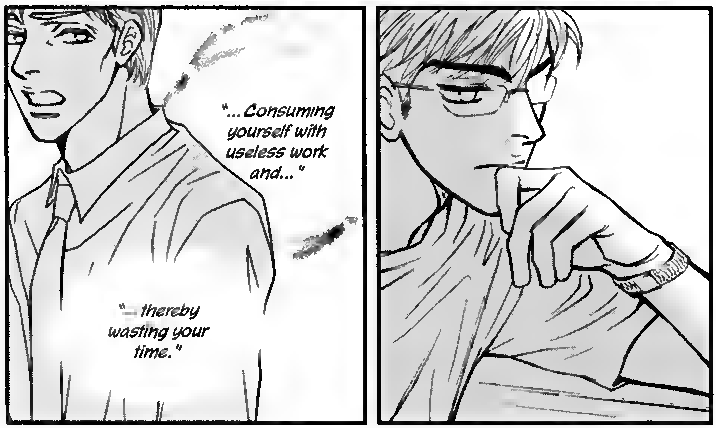
Dreams turned into reality..
BUM
Maybe it's true..


No!!
How does it look?
I tried it on!
There's no way it's true!!

JABEE, IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER YOUR SUSPENSION, SO DON'T YOU DARE CAUSE ANY TROUBLE
YES
THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT IT'S ALL RIGHT IF SOMEONE ELSE CAUSES TROUBLE
YES, YES, WE KNOW
THEN, SEE YOU LATER!




The kids are adapting to being together a lot easier than I expected.
Jabee and the others especially. It didn't look like they got along with others, but they seem to get along quite well with Rui.
I wonder if this good influence will continue?


"...Consuming yourself with useless work and..."
"...thereby wasting your time."

How can I—what can I—do to help those kids ... and myself, I wonder.
THEN I'LL BE GOING FIRST—
OH, RUI WAIT A BIT!
YOUR TIE'S ON BACKWARD
!
THERE YOU GO
T-THANK YOU THEN, I'LL—
WHEW, LUCKY I DIDN'T SHOVE HIM AWAY LIKE I USUALLY DO

RUSH
OH, RUI! AFTER WE FINISH, WE'LL GO TO YOUR CLASS, SO LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER!
I'M GOING TO BE PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS UNTIL LATE TODAY!
HUMPH
I CAN'T!
TAP
TAP TAP TAP
SHE'S RUNNING WELL.
YEAH. SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT.

WE SAW RUI THE FIRST DAY WE CAME HERE. YOU DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU?
REALLY? I DON'T REMEMBER!
SHE WAS RUNNING TO SOMEWHERE REALLY QUICKLY BACK THEN, TOO.
AND SHE WAS BREATHING REALLY HEAVILY AS SHE RAN PAST US
BUT AFTER HEARING HER GASPING FOR BREATH,
I DISTINCTLY REALIZED THAT I WAS BREATHING IN AIR, TOO.
USUALLY YOU DON'T REALIZE THAT KIND OF STUFF, RIGHT?

IT WAS AS IF I'D JUST TAKEN MY FIRST BREATH.
REALIZING THE FACT THAT I WAS ALIVE WAS AN UNFAMILIAR FEELING, BUT I WAS GLAD TO HAVE EXPERIENCED IT, TOO
EVEN IF THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT,
IF WE COULD CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH THAT FEELING, LIFE WOULD BE ENJOYABLE.
HMM... HEESOO, YOU.
YOU SOUND AS IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO AWAY SOON?

I'M TALKING ABOUT OUR SCHOOL LIFE—NOW THAT WE ONLY HAVE TWO YEARS UNTIL GRADUATION!
Not really
YOU MEAN TO SAY WE STILL HAVE TWO YEARS LEFT
Youth is fleeting.
GOING TO SCHOOL NORMALLY, PEACEFULLY, TOGETHER LIKE THIS MEETING FRIENDS STUDYING
It's Rui
THEY'RE THINGS WE HAVEN'T HAD BEFORE, RIGHT?
SO I FEEL THAT EACH DAY IS PRECIOUS...

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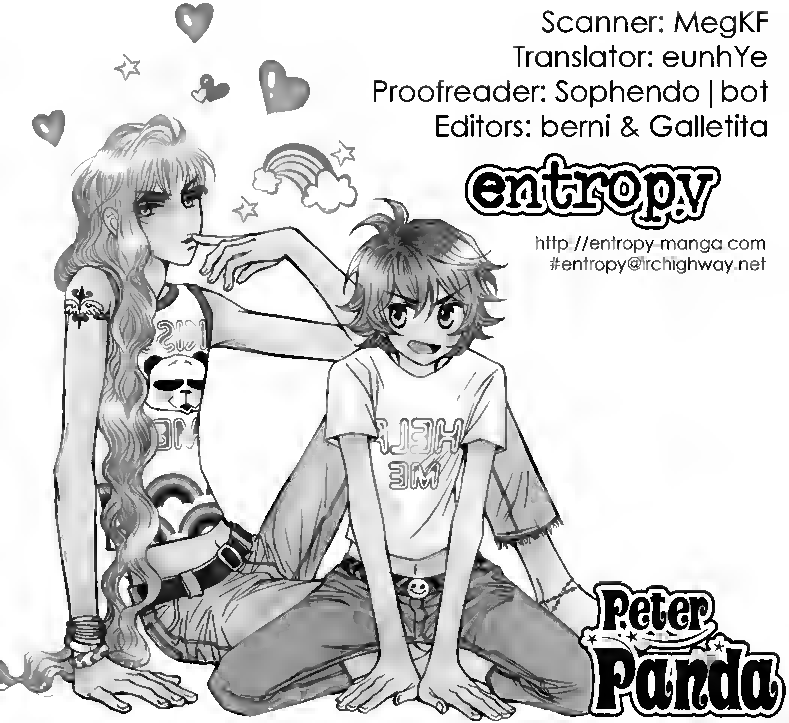

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In volume 4, I will give my greetings in a wordy conclusion.

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